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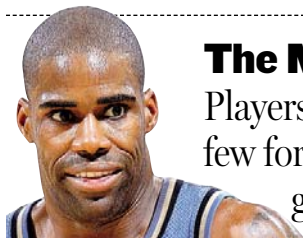


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Job Seekers Face Tough Odds

HIGH HOPES: College students from vocational schools in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan, react during a pep rally to launch their job hunts in Tokyo on Thursday. Nearly 3,000 students began their search amid a global economic crisis, heightened by a surge in American jobless claims that the U.S. Labor Department is reporting. ❖ **No relief:** U.S. unemployment levels expected to rise | **Page 10**

Ginsburg Battling Cancer

Supreme Court justice has surgery for pancreatic cancer

WASHINGTON | Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg had surgery Thursday for pancreatic cancer, raising the possibility that one of the ideologically divided court's leading liberals — and its only woman — might have to curtail her work or even step down before she had planned.



Ginsburg

Ginsburg, 75, has been a justice since 1993. She has been increasingly vocal in recent years about the court's more conservative stances, especially after the appointments made by President George W. Bush.

Pancreatic cancer is often deadly, although the court said doctors apparently found Ginsburg's growth at an early stage. In 1999, she had colon cancer surgery, underwent radiation and chemotherapy, and never missed a day on the bench.

Ginsburg underwent the surgery at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. She will remain in the hospital for seven to 10 days, said her surgeon, Dr. Murray Brennan, according to the court. (AP)



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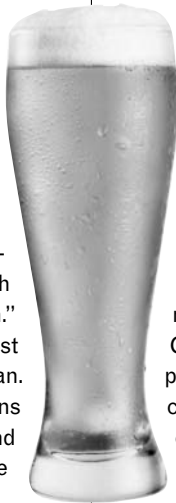
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JOB OPENINGS

He's a Sought-After Candidate, All Right

More than 10,000 people have jumped at the chance to become the caretaker of a tropical Australian island — including a prankster identifying himself as terror mastermind Osama bin Laden. A video available on YouTube shows the bearded al-Qaeda leader with subtitles stating why he is right for the job. "I enjoy the outdoors and sandy areas," the subtitles read. "I've got experience with videos, delegating tasks and experience with large-scale event coordination." Queensland launched the Best Job in the World campaign Jan. 12, calling for video applications for a job that entails relaxing and blogging on an island in the Great Barrier Reef. (AP)



POOR LIFE CHOICES

Lesson Not Learned

Authorities say an Iowa City, Iowa, man might not have picked the best time to get loaded when he showed up drunk to serve a public intoxication sentence. Now he faces another charge. Police say the 19-year-old showed up at the Johnson County Jail on Tuesday to serve his three-day sentence, and officials smelled alcohol on his breath. Court records say tests showed the man had a blood-alcohol content of 0.101 percent when he arrived at the jail. A court date for the new charge hasn't been set. Court records say the man pleaded guilty to public intoxication in May 2008 and was convicted of public intoxication second-offense last December. (AP)



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LAW

Inalienable Rat

Even a 10-foot-tall inflatable rat has free-speech rights in New Jersey, the state's Supreme Court ruled Thursday. In a case that pitted an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers union local against a central Jersey town, the high court ruled unanimously that the rodent is protected speech under the First Amendment. The supersized rat, sitting on its hind legs and bearing fangs, is a national symbol used by organized labor to signal a labor dispute. (AP)

VIGILANTES

Trash Stalker

Whoever he is, this litterbug vigilante doesn't like to see people flicking cigarette butts from their car windows.

Police are looking for a man who posed as a state trooper and stopped a woman in Gardiner, Maine, who allegedly tossed a spent cigarette from her car window. The man was driving a red pickup truck with a dash-mounted

flashing blue light when he stopped the woman and told her he was an off-duty state trooper. Police said the impersonator never threatened the woman. He neither asked for nor showed any identification. (AP)

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"I'd like to see some people go to jail." — **Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.**, on the national salmonella outbreak that has sickened more than 550 people and killed at least eight. The outbreak has been traced to a peanut plant in Georgia.

Nation

Labor Pick Put on Hold Over Taxes

Nominee's husband failed to pay liens on business for 16 years

WASHINGTON | Labor secretary nominee Hilda Solis became the latest Cabinet nominee to face questions



Solis

about unpaid taxes Thursday as a Senate panel abruptly postponed a scheduled vote on her confirmation.

The postponement came after revelations that Solis' husband settled tax liens on his California auto repair business this week that had been outstanding for as long as 16 years.

The discovery posed another headache for a White House already chafing after tax problems derailed other administration appointments, including Tom Daschle's nomination as health secretary.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs insisted that Solis' own tax returns "are in order."

"She's not a partner in that business," Gibbs said. "So, we're not going to penalize her for her husband's business mistakes."

When asked whether the Solis nomination was in trouble, Gibbs said, "I don't believe it is at all."

SAM HANANEL (AP)



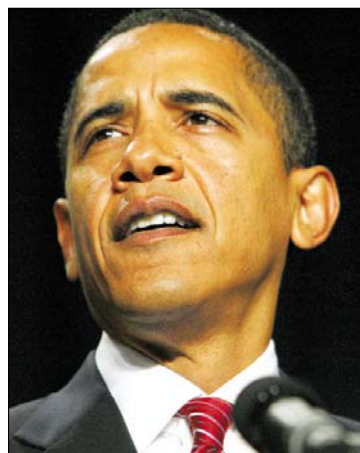
Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., holds a copy of the stimulus bill passed by the House as he speaks with reporters on Thursday.

Lawmakers Pare Stimulus

President ratchets up pressure on Congress to finalize recovery bill

WASHINGTON | Senate moderates worked to cut tens of billions of dollars from economic stimulus legislation Thursday in hopes of clearing the way for passage as the government spit out grim new jobless figures and President Obama warned of more bad news ahead.

With partisan tensions rising, a Republican alternative with higher tax cuts and far less spending than the administration favors



President Obama has been negotiating the details of the economic stimulus bill.

“The time for talk is over. The time for action is now.”

PRESIDENT OBAMA

was defeated on a pure party-line vote, 57-40. Other GOP attempts to make significant changes in the bill appeared doomed, too.

"The time for talk is over. The time for action is now," Obama declared as the Senate plodded

through a fourth day of debate on the legislation. He implored lawmakers in both parties to "rise to this moment."

Increasingly, the events that mattered most were not the long roll calls on the Senate floor but the private conversations in that the White House and Democratic leaders sought to clear the bill.

"As I have explained to people in that group, they cannot hold the president of the United States hostage," said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "If they think they're going to rewrite this bill and Barack Obama is going to walk away from what he is trying to do for the American people, they've got another thought coming."

Republicans countered that neither the president nor Democratic congressional leaders have been willing to seek common ground on the first major bill of the new administration.

"We're not having meaningful negotiations. ... It's a bad way to start," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Nearly 20 senators from both parties met twice during the day and reviewed a list of possible cuts totaling nearly \$80 billion. They included the elimination of at least \$40 billion in aid to the states, which have budget crises of their own, and \$1.4 billion ticketed for the National Science Foundation.

The legislation is a blend of federal spending and tax cuts that supporters say can create or preserve at least 3 million jobs. Critics contend the bill is bloated with wasteful spending. DAVID ESPO (AP)



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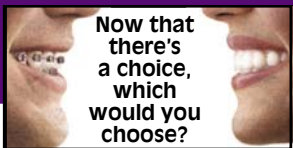
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New Leads in Tylenol Case

FBI may be on verge of solving nationwide 1982 poisoning deaths

BOSTON | James W. Lewis has a habit of getting into trouble. And a knack for getting out of it, too.

He was charged with killing and dismembering a man in Kansas City, Mo., in 1978, but the case was thrown out. He was jailed on rape charges decades later in Massachusetts but went free when the victim refused to testify.

And while authorities in Chicago have long suspected Lewis was responsible for the deadly 1982 Tylenol poisonings, the only thing they ever pinned on him was an extortion attempt against the maker of the pain reliever. No one was ever charged in the seven cyanide deaths.

Now the FBI says there are new leads in the Tylenol case, and on Wednesday seized a computer and boxes of files from Lewis' Boston-area home. The mysterious and sudden flurry of activity has raised hopes of a long-awaited break in the sensational 26-year-old case.

"Up until yesterday, I thought



JOSH REYNOLDS/AP

FBI agents carry boxes out of an apartment building in Cambridge, Mass., after searching the home of James W. Lewis, who was linked to the 1982 Tylenol deaths.

this would never be solved in my lifetime or ever," said Jack Eliason, whose sister, Mary McFarland, a 31-year-old mother, died after swallowing poisoned Tylenol.

Exactly why investigators have suddenly taken so much interest in the self-proclaimed "Tylenol Man" is unclear, but the FBI cited advances in forensic technology, along with publicity and tips that came in around the 25th anniversary

of the crime in 2007.

Caught after a nationwide manhunt in late 1982, Lewis gave investigators a detailed account of how the killer might have done it and eventually admitted sending a letter demanding \$1 million from the manufacturer of Tylenol to "stop the killing." But he said he was only trying to exploit the crisis, and denied he had anything to do with the deaths. (AP)

Transit Company Loses Track of Murder Suspect

PHILADELPHIA | A private prison transportation company lost an attempted-murder suspect somewhere between Florida and Pennsylvania, leading to a search for the cuffed and shackled inmate, and drawing complaints that such companies are poorly regulated.

The discovery Thursday was at least the second escape in six months involving an inmate being moved by Prisoner Transportation Services of America LLC.

Authorities searched for the suspect who escaped late Wednesday or early Thursday while en route from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Sylvester Mitchell, 33, was being extradited to face attempted murder charges in Philadelphia. (AP)

Study: Coastal Areas Threatened Even More

Scientists say sea levels could rise higher than predicted as ice melts

WASHINGTON | Long-term sea level increases that could have a devastating effect on southern Florida and highly populated coastal areas may be even larger than once thought, a report suggests.

Some studies have suggested that melting of ice in Antarctica and other areas could raise sea levels by 16 feet to 17 feet over the long run, a potential threat to coastal areas such as Washington, D.C., New York City and California.

But a report in Friday's edition of the journal Science warns that

factors not previously considered could one day boost that increase to up to 21 feet in some areas.

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The rise in sea level, in feet, that could eventually be seen in parts of the United States, according to the study.

The study did not list a time frame for such a dramatic change. But co-author Peter Clark, a geoscientist at Oregon State University, stressed that they "aren't suggesting that a collapse of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet is imminent."

The most recent International Panel on Climate Change report estimated sea level rise of up to 3 feet by the end of this century. (AP)

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World

In Brief



KHALID TANVEER/AP

Relatives of a victim of a suicide bombing in Pakistan mourn on Thursday.

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN Suicide Bombing at Shiite Mosque Kills 24 People

A suicide bomber blew himself up among worshippers streaming toward a Shiite Muslim mosque on Thursday, killing 24 people and wounding dozens more. The bomb detonated in the city of Dera Ghazi Khan as a crowd approached the mosque for an evening prayer ceremony. Television footage showed bystanders and emergency workers trying frantically to help victims lying in the darkened street. (AP)

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA Prime Minister Rejects Calls For Cease-Fire in Civil War

Sri Lanka's prime minister rejected calls for a cease-fire Thursday from donor countries worried by reports of growing civilian casualties in the South Asian nation's civil war, instead demanding the Tamil Tiger rebels' unconditional surrender. Sri Lankan forces captured the rebels' biggest sea base, effectively cutting off their supply point and pushing them to the brink of defeat. (AP)

Iraqi PM's Allies Victorious in Vote

Election results could bolster U.S. confidence in plans to pull troops

BAGHDAD | Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's allies swept to victory over Shiite religious parties during last weekend's provincial elections in Iraq — a rousing endorsement of his crackdown on extremists, according to official results released Thursday.

The impressive showing, which must be certified by international and Iraqi observers, places al-Maliki in a strong position before parliamentary elections late this year and could bolster U.S. confidence that it can begin withdrawing more of its 140,000 troops.

The results were a major blow to Iraq's biggest Shiite religious party —



KARIM KADIMI/AP

A shopkeeper watches coverage of the final tally of last weekend's elections in Baghdad Thursday. The results were a blow to Iraq's biggest Shiite religious party.

the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council — which trailed in all Shiite provinces, including its base in Najaf.

Still, the margin of victory in a

number of Shiite provinces was narrow, indicating the prime minister's supporters will have to cut deals with their rivals in order to govern.

And al-Maliki's Coalition of the State of Law gained little traction in Sunni areas, suggesting that sectarian divisions still play a major role in Iraqi politics. Al-Maliki is a Shiite from a religious party, but his bloc ran on a platform against sectarianism.

Some Western diplomats think al-Maliki's biggest problem now will be fending off challenges from fellow Shiites, as well as Sunnis and Kurds — who all underestimated him two years ago but now have an interest in curbing his power.

The elections, for ruling councils in 14 of the 18 provinces, were the first nationwide polls since 2005 and went off peacefully. But a suicide bomber struck Thursday in an ethnically tense northern town, killing 14 people, according to U.S. and Iraqi officials. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

Pirates Release Ukrainian Freighter

As U.S. Navy watches, Somali bandits count ransom, abandon ship

NAIROBI, KENYA | As U.S. Navy ships looked on, Somali pirates sped away Thursday with \$3.2 million in ransom after releasing an arms-laden Ukrainian freighter — ending a four-month standoff that focused the world's attention on piracy off Somalia's lawless coast.

The Navy said it couldn't seize



PETTY OFFICER JASON ZALASKY/U.S. NAVY/AP

Somali pirates stand on the deck of the Ukrainian ship MV Faina in October.

the bandits for fear of endangering 147 other seamen still held hostage on other hijacked ships.

So, within sight of two nearby

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The estimated amount, in millions of dollars, Somali pirates earned in ransom last year.

U.S. warships, the pirates counted the cash — air-dropped by parachute — and then took off in motorboats, pirate Aden Abdi Omar said, speaking to The Associated Press

by satellite phone after arriving in the Somali town of Harardhere.

"We are not holding it [the ship] anymore," said Omar, adding that more than two dozen pirates made their escape aboard motorized skiffs.

The \$3.2 million booty — among the largest-ever reported ransoms — would be shared among the pirates, he said.

The Sept. 25 seizure of the MV Faina, loaded with Soviet-era tanks and other heavy weapons, was one of the most brazen in a surge of pirate attacks on shipping off the Somali coast. KATHARINE HOURELD (AP)

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Former lawmaker Sigifredo Lopez, second from left, is greeted by his sons and mother after he was freed by leftist guerrillas in Cali, Colombia, on Thursday.

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Colombian Rebels Free Ex-Politician

Sixth hostage released this week spent 6 years as captive of guerrillas

BOGOTA | A former provincial lawmaker was helicoptered to freedom in Colombia on Thursday after spending more than six years as a captive of leftist guerrillas.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, handed Sigifredo Lopez over to a humanitarian mission led by the Red Cross and an opposition senator, Red Cross spokesman Yves Heller told reporters.

Lopez then flew to the western city of Cali. Television broadcasts showed him descending from the

helicopter and embracing his wife, Patricia Nieto, and his sons Lucas and Sergio.

Wearing a small wooden cross around his neck, Lopez lifted his right hand in triumph and wept.

"I'm well, I'm well, thank you," he told a pack of reporters.

Lopez, 45, was the only one from a group of 12 who were abducted in April 2002 to survive a confusing attack in 2007. The FARC said at the time that he was being held in a different camp.

He is the sixth captive to be released this week by the FARC in what the rebels called a unilateral act aimed at starting talks on an exchange of hostages for imprisoned guerrillas. VIVIAN SEQUERA (AP)

Israeli Navy Seizes Lebanese Ship

JERUSALEM | The Israeli navy intercepted a ship carrying humanitarian supplies from Lebanon to the Gaza Strip and towed the vessel into port Thursday, foiling a new attempt by international activists to break Israel's blockade of the Palestinian territory.

It was the first time Israeli forces seized an aid ship, after the navy let some boats in and turned others around.

The interception was condemned by Lebanon and Syria, adding to tensions after last month's Israeli offensive against Hamas militants. (AP)



IS FIFTH TIME THE CHARM?: An architectural review board Thursday ordered Apple to redraw plans for a store it hopes to open in Georgetown, the fourth time the panel has rejected the company's submission.

Local

LAUREL, MD. | BIDEN SPEAKS ON TRANSIT STIMULUS



STIMULATING TALK: Vice President Joe Biden, at podium, speaks to the media about transportation Thursday at the MARC train station in Laurel. Biden said the station — built as a train station in the 1800s — is one of many in the U.S. that would benefit from President Obama's economic stimulus deal.

Va. Smoking Ban Deal Set

Governor, GOP House speaker agree to curb smoke in bars, eateries

RICHMOND, VA. | Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and House Republican leaders announced an agreement Thursday on a bill that would curb smoking in most public eateries and bars.

The bill represents a compromise between the Democratic governor's longtime backing for an outright ban on all smoking in bars and restaurants, and traditional Republican opposition to mandated smoking restrictions.

If passed, the measure will ban smoking except in private clubs and inside walled-off areas of restaurants designated for smoking



Howell

Kaine

and served by a ventilation system separate from the one that serves nonsmoking parts of the establishment.

In announcing the accord, House Speaker William J. Howell said the bipartisan compromise was off to a good start.

"The big difference this time is both sides were willing to yield," Howell said.

For years, bills to ban or curb smoking have failed to clear the

House, victims of the muscular tobacco lobby in a capital city that is home to the world's largest cigarette manufacturing plant.

This year at least 10 proposed smoking ban bills were introduced.

"It's not a perfect bill — compromises aren't perfect — but [it's a] very good bill," Kaine said at a press conference about the agreement.

House General Laws Committee Chairman S. Chris Jones said a total smoking ban never would make it out of his committee.

Howell, however, would not predict final passage. "There are people who are going to continue to oppose it," Howell said. "I'm never confident down here."

BOB LEWIS (AP)

D.C. High-Speed Rail Gains Interest

WASHINGTON | A top lawmaker on the House transportation committee says 80 groups have expressed interest in bringing high-speed rail to the Northeast region and across the nation.

The Federal Railroad Administration began soliciting proposals in December for projects to help build, finance and operate high-speed rail

service between Washington and New York and 10 other areas across the U.S. Final proposals must be submitted by September 2009.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., said Thursday that those who have expressed interest include architectural, engineering and construction firms, train manufacturers and state transportation departments. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Feb. 5

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Mid-day DC 4	3-0-5-4
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Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	16-21-24-31-33
Daily 6 (Wed.)	8-17-18-35-37-39 Bonus: 5
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	5-9-19-35-36 (11)

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Mid-day Pick 3	7-3-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-5-9
Mid-day Pick 4	7-1-0-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-6-4-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	1-13-26-29-30 Bonus: 8
Lotto (Wed.)	8-27-30-33-35-41

VIRGINIA

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Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	2-1-7-1

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-2-7-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	4-5-6-14-17
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Money

Bailout Deals Questioned

Watchdog: Treasury Department overpaid for assets from banks

WASHINGTON | The federal government overpaid for stocks and other assets in attempting to help financial institutions last year, a government watchdog said Thursday, taking further issue with the beleaguered \$700 billion rescue program.

Elizabeth Warren, chairwoman of the Congressional Oversight Panel for the bailout funds, told the Senate Banking Committee on Thursday that Treasury in 2008 paid \$254 billion and received assets worth about \$176 billion.

The figures were reached by extrapolating the results of a study of 10 government transactions, comparing the price paid by Treasury and the value of the asset at the time of purchase.

In a bright spot for the rescue program, however, banks that received capital infusions from Treasury have already paid \$271 million in dividends to the federal government. A Treasury



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Elizabeth Warren, right, chair of the Congressional Oversight Panel for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, says the government overpaid for bank assets last year.

official said Thursday that banks are expected to pay more than \$1.5 billion in dividends by the end of this month.

Referring to overpayment on assets, Warren said Treasury has failed to specify its goals and methods in helping more than 300 institutions.

"There may be good policy rea-

sons for overpaying, but without a clearly delineated reason, we can't know that," Warren said.

Senate Banking chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said the overpayment was sure to "raise eyebrows."

"I can understand some gap," he said. "But that's a pretty large disparity." JIM KUHNHEHN (AP)

List of Madoff Clients Includes Famous Names

NEW YORK | Broadcaster Larry King, Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax, World Trade Center developer Larry Silverstein.

The three have at least one thing in common: Their names appear on a list of several thousand clients of disgraced financial wizard Bernard Madoff. The list has been made public in a court filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan.

The list emerged late Wednesday, a testament to the sweeping nature of Madoff's alleged fraud. The 162-page list includes Madoff's relatives, prominent business people, celebrities and charitable institutions. The list does not say how much money the customers may have lost, nor does it spell out their specific connection to Madoff. (AP)

Jobless Claims Soar After Wave of Layoffs

Government expected to release grim stats on employment Friday

WASHINGTON | New jobless claims jumped far more than expected last week in an already dismal labor market, and there's no relief in sight for workers.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the number of newly jobless workers seeking benefits rose last week to a seasonally adjusted 626,000, from the previous week's upwardly revised figure of 591,000. The latest total is far more than analysts' expectations of 583,000.

The numbers reflect the large spate of layoffs announced last

month by companies from all sectors of the economy, including Caterpillar Inc., Pfizer Inc. and Microsoft Corp.

3.9
The percentage orders dropped at U.S. factories in December, a record fifth-straight monthly orders decline.

Economists expect the government to issue a grim report Friday that will show the unemployment rate rose to 7.5 percent in January, up from 7.2 percent in December. That would be the highest rate in 17 years.

The housing slump and financial crisis have hammered spending by businesses and consumers, sending the economy into a recession that is expected to continue until at least the second half of this year. (AP)

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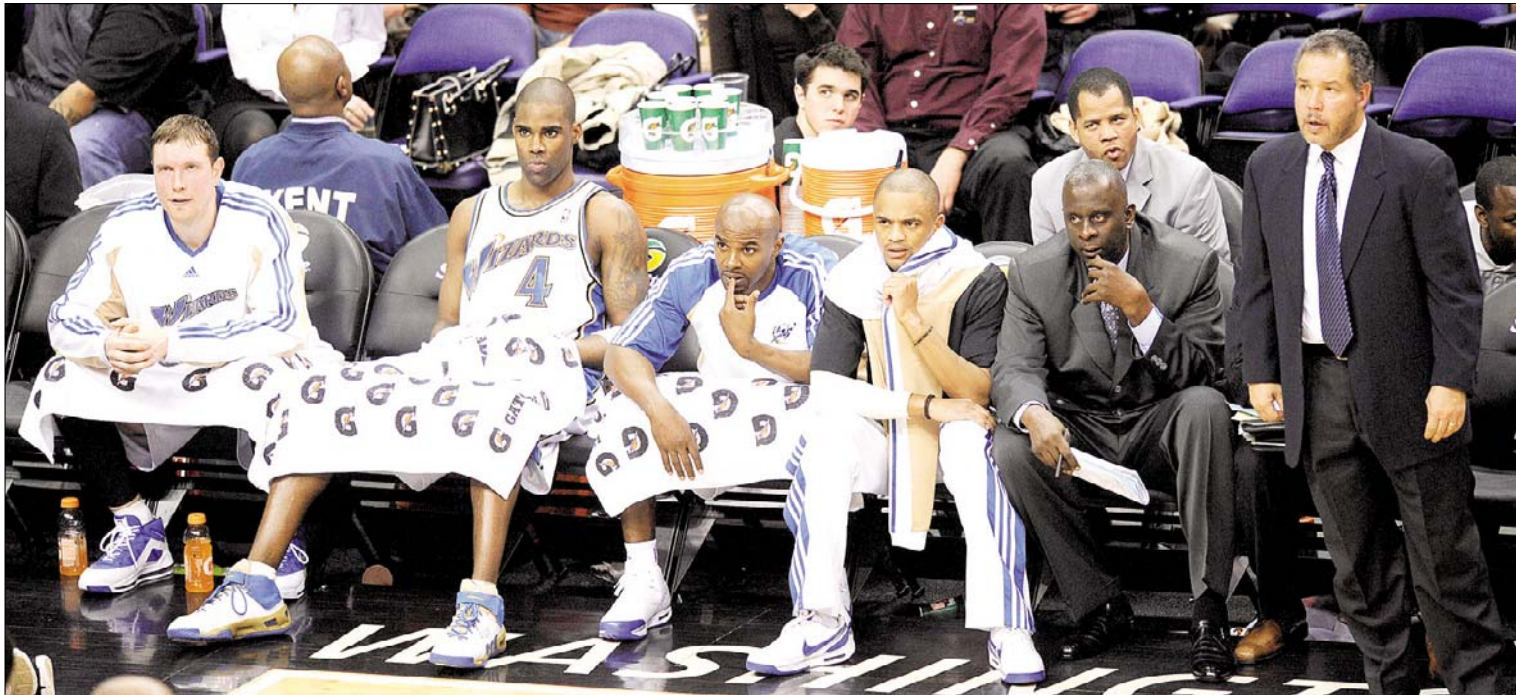
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Sports Weekend



OUTNUMBERED: Darius Songaila, Antawn Jamison, Mike James, and Juan Dixon watch with head coach Ed Tapscott, far right, in the Wizards' 115-88 loss Wednesday.

Nobody's Home

Sparse crowd matches shorthanded bench as Wizards sink further

WIZARDS | Scalpers offering lower-level seats barked up and down Seventh Street, but no one answered.

Inside, the eight healthy Wizards took the court for pregame warm-ups to scant applause from a crowd more befitting a high school game. Eventually, the residents of the lower level showed up. Unfortunately, none of them was contractually allowed to suit up.

Even in a bad year, Washington (10-39) — which hosts the Denver Nuggets on Friday night — can't escape prodigious injury problems.

Granted, the yearlong absences of franchise player Gilbert Arenas and center Brendan Haywood are much to blame for the team's

league-worst record.

Still, Wednesday night's lineup was one few coaches in the league would envy. "At least I won't be able to screw up the rotations," interim coach Ed Tapscott quipped before the game. "Other teams face it. You've got to go out and play."

Some of the injuries were short-term: Caron Butler called in sick

EIGHT WASN'T ENOUGH

8 Wizards players were suited for Wednesday's game against the New Jersey Nets.

that morning with the flu. Juan Dixon has a sore elbow. DeShawn Stevenson is on the bench again with back pain after coming back for a few games in late January.

"There's only one [offensive] script I have now: AJ left, AJ right and AJ up the middle," Tapscott

said, referring to former All-Star forward Antawn Jamison. "And anyone else who can, please [do score]."

While Jamison did his best Bernard King impression from the 1980s — when the veteran King was a perennially-bad Bullets squad's only scoring option — others took the court and played with a spark early before being run off the court

115-88

The final score; Washington is 10-39.

in the second half.

Nick Young scored a team-high 21 points in the 115-88 loss. Oleksiy Pecherov even logged 13 points in 23-plus minutes. Still, they are not getting experience with even a half-full slate of first-teamers.

Washington is used to being bur-

“At least I won't be able to screw up the rotations. Other teams face it. You've got to go out and play.”

ED TAPSCOTT, WIZARDS COACH

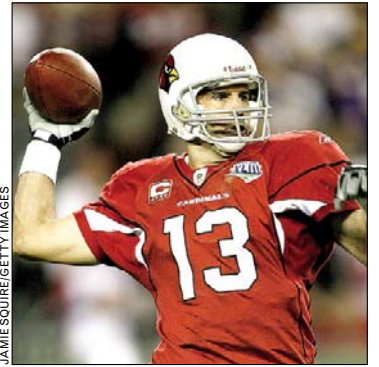
dened with injuries. Last year's squad — many of whom, coincidentally, didn't play Wednesday because of various ailments — grew tired of answering questions about when their teammates might come off the shelf while fighting to make the playoffs.

But while several guys who would normally never play got a significant run Wednesday night, it was hard by game's end to imagine how this week — which included a 16-point home loss to a bad Memphis squad — wasn't the season's low point.

"[The injuries are] tough, you know, especially playing with such a young team," guard Mike James said. "You've got to play basketball without too many mistakes."

ERIC BRANDNER

TV Lineup



Kurt Warner could still win the Pro Bowl; he leads the NFC on Sunday.

friday

8 P.M. With attendance sagging, the Washington Wizards host the Denver Nuggets on national television. CSN and ESPN

10:30 P.M. Look for a high-scoring game between the Golden State Warriors and the Phoenix Suns. ESPN

saturday

NOON Georgetown's men's basketball team looks for revenge against Cincinnati after losing to its Big East rival last week. MASN

2 P.M. Fresh off a big win this week, George Mason's men's basketball team takes on James Madison. MASN

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sunday

3:30 P.M. LeBron James and the Cavaliers host Kobe Bryant and the Lakers. ABC

4:30 P.M. Eli Manning and Peyton Manning facing each other will grab all the headlines, but don't forget the Pro Bowl may be the last chance to see Cardinals QB Kurt Warner in action if he retires. NBC

6 P.M. The Wizards, who are awful, host the Indiana Pacers, who are merely bad. CSN+

7:30 P.M. The Maryland men's basketball team tries to recover from its blowout against North Carolina when facing Georgia Tech.



NAMES | Blame ESPN What's in a name? Former Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin says her daughter's comes from Bristol, Conn., home of the sports network ESPN. Palin tells Esquire magazine that when she was

in high school, she wanted to be a sportscaster and was disappointed to learn where ESPN was located. The Alaska governor says Connecticut was too far away from her home state. So, instead, she says, she named her daughter Bristol. The new Esquire hits newsstands Feb. 16. (AP)

Forward Thinking

With recruiting flap over, Terps look ahead to promising big men

TERPS MEN'S HOOPS | It's a vicious cycle.

Team struggles. Coach gets criticized for failure to recruit top-caliber players. Rumors swirl about coach's job security. Said rumors further inhibit ability to recruit top-caliber players.

Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow recognized the problem. She was attending to more important matters last week — the funeral of her sister, North Carolina State women's basketball coach Kay Yow — when a back-and-forth between coach Gary Williams and associate athletic director Kathy Worthington exacerbated matters.

The two had different opinions on the circumstances that led two recruits, Gus Gilchrist and Tyree Evans, to leave the university without ever playing a game.

Before things got really out of hand, though, Debbie Yow gathered the media this week to deliver



Maryland head coach Gary Williams directs his team during the second half of Tuesday's game against North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels won, 108-91.

a message: Williams' job is safe.

"I really want to lay to rest any of these crazy rumors that are floating around related to the job security of Coach Williams," she said. "He has my personal full support."

For his part, Williams — whose squad next faces Georgia Tech on Sunday — believes the situation got out of hand quickly. In fact, he said,

the team's ability to recruit should be on display as early as next fall.

"We lose [senior] Dave Neal off this year's team," he said. "We've signed Jordan Williams and James Padgett, and I think we're in a pretty good position. I really believe we can be a Top 25 team preseason next year."

Indeed, both Jordan Williams

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DEBBIE YOW, MARYLAND AD

and Padgett are big men the team hopes can immediately improve the team's size and post presence. Williams, at 6-foot-10 and 245 pounds, was ranked 16th in the nation among centers by Scout.com.

Padgett, meanwhile, is a 6-foot-8, 212-pound forward, ranked 21st in the nation by Scout.com. His high school teammate, talented-but-troubled guard Lance Stephenson, is also considering coming to Maryland. In October, Stephenson was reportedly charged with a misdemeanor for allegedly sexually assaulting a girl on the school's campus.

Yow indicated that she'd be open to giving him a contract extension if it would make it easier for him to land recruits. "He'll tell me what he needs, and we'll take care of it then," she said. DEREK TURNER

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NATIONALS | BY MATT SWENSON

The Nationals' Disappointment

IMAGINE THAT A Major League Baseball team offered you millions of dollars to play for it. Now make that team the Washington Nationals.

What appears to be a small change in the scenario is more than enough to keep free agents away.

If you believe what you read, the Nats have bid on All-Stars Adam Dunn and Orlando Hudson, who discussed his suitors on MLB.com this week: "To be honest with you, man, you know, the Dodgers, Yankees, Mets — all three of us have had some discussions. And the Nationals also, the Washington Nationals."

Talk about an afterthought.

The general feeling is that the longer Dunn waits to sign, the more

When there is a half-empty stadium this season, the Lerner's should know why.

Hoyas Take Baby Step Out of Hole

After an 'awful' losing streak, Georgetown seeks revenge vs. Cincy

HOYAS HOOPS | When Georgetown last played Cincinnati, coach John Thompson III's team was mired in a three-game losing streak and on its way to dropping five in a row.

Ten days later, the Bearcats come to Verizon Center against a Hoyas squad that's made progress — albeit just a little — toward getting its season back on track.

"We took a baby step today," Thompson said after a 10-point win over Rutgers Tuesday. "Losing is awful. It's awful. When you win, it feels good."

And although the Hoyas led by 20 in the second half over the lowly Scarlet Knights, it wasn't their offense that came to life to produce a much-needed win. Georgetown



Rutgers' Mike Rosario, left, goes to the basket against Georgetown's DaJuan Summers on Tuesday. The Hoyas won, thanks to tough defense and rebounding.

A NEEDED WIN

→ The Hoyas, who are 4-6 in the Big East, made small progress with a 10-point win over lowly Rutgers on Tuesday.

→ The real test, however, comes on Saturday, when Georgetown hosts Cincinnati (15-8, 5-5), which beat the Hoyas just last week.

endured a seven-minute field goal drought in the first half, a stretch that might have buried the young team earlier in the season. Behind defense and rebounding, Thompson's team got back to their blueprint and attitude for success.

"I really liked what I saw in the first half. Because we shot poorly,

and in the past when we've missed shots, we've not been as attentive to every other aspect of the game," Thompson said. "It sounds simple, but gaining that understanding [that] the shot we just missed can't affect [what] goes on at the other end on the next play [is difficult]. Forget that play and move on. When we miss shots, we've gotten angst, and lost focus and the understanding that we grind out victories."

And grind it out they did, a style the head coach thinks Georgetown (13-8, 4-6 in the Big East) needs to stick with to keep climbing back toward a .500 record in league play. To do so, Thompson figures it will be business as usual in the Big East.

"This is an ugly dirty game, and none of those guys in there are cute. They need to realize that and play ugly." CLINTON YATES (EXPRESS)

likely he is to choose a more competitive team.

Who can blame them? The Nats are going to stink with or without them. Dunn, Hudson or some other signing is only important to Washington's credibility as a franchise.

Its biggest claim to fame since the Lerner's took over is just missing out on Mark Teixeira. Previously, those same owners tried to cheap out on a contract with the city over the stadium's building and didn't ante up enough money to sign this past year's top draft pick.

Fireballer Daniel Cabrera — so inconsistent that coaching legend Leo Mazzone couldn't straighten him out — is the one notable signing. When there is a half-empty stadium this season, the Lerner's should know why.

The Nationals are a team few reasonable people would want to watch, let alone play for.

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Green Cooks Up Success

Returning from injury, defenseman back to slicing, dicing for Caps

CAPITALS | Mike Green can laugh about it now that he's in the midst of perhaps the best stretch of hockey he's ever played professionally, but when forced to sit out with a shoulder injury earlier in the season, the Capitals defenseman just didn't know what to do with all the free time.

"I was bored and frustrated," said Green. "I even was cooking, which I don't do."

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MIKE GREEN, CAPITALS DEFENSEMAN

His favorite dish to make is salmon, rice and cooked vegetables, something "you can't screw up too bad. I think I came back [from injury] a little too early because I couldn't stand [it] anymore."

Nowadays, the 23-year-old has taken to slicing and dicing opposing defenses, with goals in his past four games and 22 points in his last 16 contests to vault his name to the top of every major offensive category pertaining to defensemen in the NHL.

Heading into Thursday night's game against Los Angeles, Green is just two goals shy of matching his career high of 18 from last season, all while missing 13 games over the



Capitals defenseman Mike Green, who was forced to sit out earlier this season with a shoulder injury, was getting so bored that he took up cooking on the side.

course of November and December. He also ranks 11th in the league and first on the team in ice time, averaging 25:33 per game, while being a focal point of the Capitals' power play and penalty kill.

And it's when Green is on the man advantage that he truly ranks among the league's elite. He's tied for fifth in the league with teammate Alex Ovechkin with 12 power-play goals, many of which have come when Green sneaks into the offensive zone from the point for backdoor-style goals that leave penalty killers looking around for answers.

"This year, I'm a lot more com-

posed and smarter," said Green, whose biggest strength is his shiftness carrying the puck.

Just this week, coach Bruce Boudreau even suggested his defensive star would be among the best in the NHL if he were to enter the fastest skater competition.

So, what can't he do? Up until recently, many would have said win the Norris Trophy as the league's best defensemen. That, like cooking, he may be trying his hand at soon. **MARK GIANNOTTO**

Thursday's game: Wondering how the Caps did against the L.A. Kings? See on washingtonpost.com/sports.

Olsen Works Through Pain in Comeback Try

The vet hopes to make an impact after an injury-filled 2008

UNITED | The huge banner unfurled at last June's D.C. United-Los Angeles game read "Heart of a Lion." It was the return of veteran midfielder Ben Olsen, not David Beckham, that the RFK faithful were celebrating. But, unfortunately, Olsen also has the ankles of an old man, and the 15 minutes he played that day constituted his entire 2008 season.

Olsen is a two-time MLS champion and the winner of numerous individual awards. He played in the 2006 World Cup. He also is the scruffy face of United — a hard-working, thoughtful, passionate player who has fought through injury and consistently delivered the goods.

Olsen is the scruffy face of D.C. United. Now his career is in jeporady.

Now his career is in jeopardy. Four ankle surgeries in the past year to correct bone spurs, cartilage damage and infections have limited him to the point where "just getting through a training session" is a success. United and Olsen are in Florida this week preparing for the season. The midfielder, 31, doesn't know whether he'll play a part.

"I wish I could even give an edu-



Ben Olsen, a two-time MLS champion, played for only 15 minutes in 2008.

cated guess. My hope, and a lot of it is wishful thinking, is to compete in games, help this team," Olsen said. "If I can't do that, then we kind of have to weigh the decision."

His contract is guaranteed this year, which provides a bit more time to work through the pain. But Marcelo Gallardo's departure has left the midfield unsettled, and last season's disappointing record has increased the pressure on a team needing a good start to 2009.

"At times, I feel I can play at this level. There's days where I think that I don't know how it'll hold up," he admitted. "I feel really fortunate that I've had the years that I've had. What takes me a little bit down sometimes is that I've got a lot more to give. ... If I can sneak another year I'm going do to what I can to make that happen." **BRIAN STRAUS**

In Brief

REDSKINS

Wachenheim Takes Over As New Tight Ends Coach

The Washington Redskins hired Scott Wachenheim as tight ends coach Thursday, reuniting coach Jim Zorn with a colleague from the early 1990s. Wachenheim has been a college coach for 21 seasons, including the last three as Liberty's

offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Liberty averaged 33.7 points and 446.7 yards last year in a 10-2 season that included a Big South championship. Wachenheim and Zorn worked together previously at Utah State from 1992-93, when Zorn was the offensive coordinator. **(AP)**

BASEBALL

Bonds' Judge Leans Toward Excluding Key Case Evidence

A federal judge overseeing Barry

Bonds' criminal case said her "preliminary thoughts" are to exclude key parts of the government's case against the home-run king, including three positive drug tests and some documents seized from the home of his personal trainer. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said during an evidentiary hearing Thursday that she was leaning toward excluding the results seized by investigators during a BALCO raid unless there is direct testimony tying the urine samples to Bonds. **(AP)**



Bonds walks to his car after a day in court in San Francisco on Thursday.

NBA

Sixers' Brand to Undergo Season-Ending Surgery

Elton Brand's first season in Philadelphia is over. Brand will have season-ending surgery on his right shoulder Monday, reducing the 76ers' marquee free-agent to only 29 games. Brand was first injured Dec. 17 against Milwaukee and has played in six games since his return. He signed a five-year deal worth nearly \$80 million in July and averaged only 13.8 points and 8.8 rebounds. **(AP)**

Entertainment Weekend

BATTLE ROYALE

May the best wine win: At Veritas on Saturday, French vin competes against wines from the rest of the world in a special tasting. | 15



MEN ARE FROM PLANET NONCOMMITTAL: Beth (Aniston) wants to marry Neil (Affleck), but he's being such a dude about it.

Not That Into It

A highly anticipated romantic dramedy is less than cohesive

FILM | "He's Just Not That Into You" isn't exactly a romantic comedy — at least, not in the most traditional sense. Yes, the characters work themselves into the same sorts of tizzies over falling in and out of love, but mixed in with the fizziness is an

unexpected seriousness, an attempt at injecting realism.

All those A-listers in the ensemble cast (Jennifer Aniston! Scarlett Johansson!) are smiling in the movie's posters, but don't let that fool you. Some heavy stuff falls upon their pretty heads. But while it's admirable that the film from director Ken Kwapis tries to shake up a typically frivolous formula, too many other elements undermine

his intentions.

Based on the best-selling advice book by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo, the script from Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein ("Never Been Kissed") follows nine intertwined characters struggling to make sense of their love lives. The women, especially Ginnifer Goodwin's hopeless romantic Gigi, tend to be needy and demanding; the men, such as Bradley Cooper's cheating Ben, are

often caddish and evasive.

We begin with Gigi's obsessing over the blind date she just had with Baltimore real estate agent Conor (Kevin Connolly). Winsome and attractive as she is, she's also annoyingly desperate, to the point where she drives herself and everyone else mad analyzing every "uh" and "er" she exchanges with a guy.

Thankfully, Conor's restaurant-manager pal Alex (Justin Long) is there to strip her of her girlish illusions. Alex gives her advice that's hilarious in its harshness: "Maybe he just didn't call because he has no interest in seeing you again." Long brings a charisma to this cruelty, and his scenes with Goodwin provide the film with refreshing honesty and zest.

Because from there, everything else is a downer. Gigi's co-worker, Beth (Aniston), has been living with her boyfriend Neil (Ben Affleck) for seven years, but he's never asked her to marry him. Their other colleague, Janine (Jennifer Connelly in a meaty performance), is married to her college sweetheart (Cooper), who's having an affair with yoga instructor Anna (Johansson).

Drew Barrymore, also an executive producer on the film, has a supporting role as the sales rep who helped place Conor's ad in the local gay newspaper; with the help of her flamboyant co-workers, she laments the way technology has actually made dating harder, but her observations aren't particularly funny or insightful. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Got Plans?

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I've heard good things about "The Little Dog Laughed" at Signature Theatre. I don't mean to offend anyone, but would a heterosexual male feel comfortable seeing it? I'm pro gay rights, but I'm not sure whether I want to go to something with a ton of male nudity in it. Thanks.

"The Little Dog Laughed" has brief nudity in it, but it isn't two hours of full-frontal or anything, so I'm guessing you'll be fine.

→ *Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; through March 8, \$44-\$81; 703-820-9771.*



Don't worry, macho men. "The Little Dog Laughed" is PG enough for you.

I've been craving a well-made mojito. Where can I go to get them?

In Ballston, I've never been let down by the mojitos at Caribbean Breeze. My other choices would have to be Cafe Atlantico and Ceiba. The Hemingway Mojito at Ceiba, which uses extra-old rum and a splash of sparkling wine in addition to guarapo, may be my favorite in the city.

→ *Caribbean Breeze, 4100 Fairfax Drive, Arlington; 703-812-7997. (Ballston)*

→ *Cafe Atlantico, 405 Eighth St. NW; 202-393-0812. (Gallery Place)*

→ *Ceiba, 701 14th St. NW; 202-393-3983. (Metro Center)*

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Talent, a Terrible Thing to Waste

Usually brilliant actors fail to be amusing in 'The Pink Panther 2'

FILM | The huge error in "The Pink Panther 2" — other than the mistake of producing the sequel in the first place — is pairing Steve Martin with John Cleese, then failing to capitalize on their potentially explosive verbal exchanges.

Anyone familiar with Cleese's outrageous accent as the French

knight in "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" is in for a disappointment when he first opens his mouth as Chief Inspector Dreyfus — and a crisp British voice oozes out. Why does a Parisian police official speak with a British accent? Probably because the filmmakers couldn't have a supporting player continually upstage Martin, who reprises the Peter Sellers role as France's supreme imbecile Inspector Clouseau with nothing more than a passable parody of a French



Look! Even Steve Martin is appalled at the way this movie squanders his skills.

accent again.

This wafer-thin crime romp is amusing in spots as Clouseau joins an international team of detectives (Andy Garcia, Alfred Molina, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Yuki Matsuzaki) and his usual sidekicks (Jean Reno and Emily Mortimer) to track a thief swiping the world's rarest treasures. But the movie's mostly a waste of time and talent, including Martin's reunion with "All of Me" co-star Lily Tomlin, who has a few pointless walk-ons. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



DAY OF RECKONING: On Saturday at Veritas, the truth will be revealed: Is French wine the cream of the crop, or can it be beat?

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Snow, sleet, ice. Do you need a reason to get out of bed in the morning? How about this: Beach season is only 100 days away (give or take)? Dewey Beach's Starboard comes to Ballston tonight for the **FRONT PAGE**'s annual 100 Days to Dewey Party. DJ Smoky, who's provided the soundtrack to too many late nights of debauchery, spins the tunes, and the Starboard Elvis will even drop by. Show up early for Dewey trivia and stick around for all-night drink specials. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Mr. Fine Wine is one of Fritz's favorite soul DJs in the U.S., even though he's never seen him spin live. You see, for the past 15 years, Mr. Fine Wine has hosted the weekly "Downtown Soulville" program on WFMU, the cult free-form station that broadcasts out of Jersey City, N.J. It used to be a special treat to hear Mr. Fine Wine spin from his huge collection of 45's, but with the show streaming on Wfmu.org every Friday,

it's possible to discover tracks by the Sticks of Dynamite, the Jay Cee's and Sextette Unlimited each week. Tonight, though, Mr. Fine Wine — ne Matt Weingarden — is venturing down to D.C. to guest at Moneytown at **DAHLAK**, where he and resident DJ Nitecrawler will make the walls shake with vintage funk and soul records. As always, there's no cover.

SATURDAY

Help a charity, dance like crazy, have some good beer and win tickets to a concert or basketball game. Sold? Good. The annual Winter ONEderland is taking over **R.F.D. WASHINGTON**'s backroom Saturday night to raise money for Girls for a Change, a national program that offers leadership training and mentoring to teenage girls. A \$10 donation at the door gets you in for dancing to DJ Cuzzin B of True School fame, who will be laying down hip-hop, top 40 and reggae beats. Everyone has a chance to win Wizards and Talib Kweli tickets, movie passes, dessert from Ben & Jerry's and a number of other prizes. Doors open at 10 p.m. — please use the entrance on Eighth street between H and I streets, not the bar's front entrance.

Serious dancers and traditionalists tend to like their salsa raw and

energetic, or salsa dura. Others prefer the love-focused, smoothed-out balladry of salsa romántica. Representing Puerto Rico with four decades of singing and multiple Grammy nods under his belt, Eddie Santiago should be able to unite Washington's Latin dance community at the **SALSA ROOM** Saturday night with his commercial hits and his classics.

Like those Prince vs. _____ dance parties, we're suckers for "country vs. country" wine tastings. They're usually good chances to put aside preconceived notions about what you've had before and discover new grapes and flavors that you might otherwise pass up. More importantly, you can compare and contrast and learn, which is what wine tasting is really all about. On Saturday night at **VERITAS**, it's France vs. the World, which is something of a warhorse but always an entertaining topic. Six wines are on the menu, paired with cheese and a discussion of the laws governing producers in Bordeaux and the Rhone valley. Tickets are \$40, and the class runs from 5 to 7 p.m. E-mail events@veritasdc.com for more information or to reserve a space.

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THE MIDWEST IS SO WEIRD AND SCAWY! THAT GUY'S HOT: Behold the premise of "New in Town," starring Renee Zellweger.

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CHE (R, 257 minutes) In Steven Soderbergh's sprawling yet surprisingly taut two-part retelling of Che Guevara's life during the Cuban revolution and his ill-fated attempt to bring the fight to Bolivia, he comes into sharp, sympathetic focus, by way of an extraordinary performance by Benicio Del Toro. (AH)

DEFIANCE (R, 137 minutes) Edward Zwick's often-stirring movie dramatizes the true story of Zus and Tuvia Bielski (Liev Schreiber and Daniel Craig), Jewish brothers who eluded their Nazi captors during World War II in what is now Belarus. Zus and Tuvia helped a thousand fellow Jews escape the German SS and forged a resistance. Zwick has perfected the art of marrying bombastic action, aestheticized violence and historical import, and he marshals all three effectively to bring this little-known and amazing story to life. (AH)

FROST/NIXON (R, 122 minutes) You expect something dry, historical and probably contrived here. But you get a delicious contest of wits, brilliant acting and a surprisingly gripping narrative — no less dramatic even though the results are a foregone conclusion. The writing is so good, the acting so powerful, that the film goes well beyond the courtroom drama into the territory of the classic history play. (PK)

HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG, 100 minutes) This comedy, starring perfectly pleasant up-and-comer Emma Roberts (Julia's niece), is about kids, not parents. Andi (Roberts) and Bruce (Jake T. Austin) have been parentless for three years, smuggling their dog, Friday, from foster home to foster home, always getting evicted after infractions, violations or minor criminal acts. Deprived of affection, guidance and decent nutrition, Andi and Bruce stumble upon an abandoned hotel in downtown Los Angeles and decide to turn it into a home for unwanted pups. For all the latent social criticism of the film, it's a candy-coated romp through death and abandonment. (JA)

INKHEART (PG, 106 minutes) In Iain Softley's vivid, sometimes lurid adap-

tation of the young people's novel by Cornelia Funke, Brendan Fraser plays Mortimer "Mo" Folchart, a "silvertongue" who can make stories come to life by reading them aloud. Mo and daughter Meggie (Eliza Hope Bennett) travel to a Swiss town to search for an obscure novel called "Inkheart," which he was reading to Meggie when she was a toddler and things went desperately awry. (AH)
MY BLOODY VALENTINE 3-D (R, 101 minutes) No cartoon cuddliness in this hand-drips-blood-in-your-lap exploitation picture that lacks the subtlety or horror foreplay of the original. The plot staggers from absurd to ridiculous, and we don't have enough time with any of the characters to wish them well in the face of certain death. But if horror in general is the last great communal movie experience, 3-D just heightens the shared fun. (ORLANDO SENTINEL)

NEW IN TOWN (PG, 96 minutes) There's nothing novel about this overly familiar farce, a creaky rom-com-cum-fish-out-of-water tale about a tightly wound corporate executive (Renée Zellweger) who finds herself temporarily reassigned from sunny Miami to small-town Minnesota in the dead of winter. Throughout much

Entertainment Weekend



AU NATURAL: Michelle Williams stars in the sparse feature "Wendy and Lucy."

Now Playing

of the movie, the actress's face appears botoxed into a frozen mask of misery, which melts only after meeting truck-drivin', beer-drinkin', plaid-wearin' hottie Ted (Harry Connick Jr.). But first Ted and Lucy have to act as though they hate each other. That is, until the handsome widower and single dad (all together now: awww) happens to have the opportunity to rescue the career-obsessed singleton when her car gets stuck in a blizzard, making her reevaluate her big-city priorities in the face of true love and a near-death experience. The real America, my foot. As Lucy remarks at one point, this whole endeavor looks like the world's coldest theme park. (M)

NOT EASILY BROKEN (PG-13, 100minutes) This spiritually infused melodrama falls prey to many of the usual shortcomings of movies that secretly want to be sermons: starchy contrivance and didacticism. But it also exerts an unmistakable appeal, thanks to an absorbing story and fine performances from Morris Chestnut and Taraji P. Henson. (AH)

NOTORIOUS (R, 100minutes) This biopic about the life and death of Notorious B.I.G., feels like Biggie's Wikipedia page reformatted for the big screen. (CHRIS RICHARDS)

PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG, 90 minutes) Even though this film was co-produced by Adam Sandler, it never sinks to scatological humor. That's pretty much where the accolades end for this mediocre, unmemorable comedy. Kevin James plays an overweight mall security officer named Paul Blart. On a particularly unfor-

tunate Black Friday, a posse of thieves assumes control of the mall and starts to take hostages. (JEN CHANEY)

THE READER (R, 123 minutes) Bernhard Schlink's highly regarded novel receives a graceful, absorbing screen adaptation. Kate Winslet and Ralph Fiennes deliver fine performances as the tortured souls at the center of this wrenching portrait of Germany reckoning with its Nazi past. But the standout here is 18-year-old German actor David Kross, whose portrayal of a teenager Michael Berg suggests a promising future. (AH)

REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R, 119 minutes) Sam Mendes' dirge-like adaptation of the 1961 novel by Richard Yates exerts an undeniable pull as its beautiful, doomed protagonists navigate the ennui of adult life in 1950s suburbia. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet play Frank and April Wheeler, who are leading lives of not-very-quiet desperation. (AH)

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R, 121 minutes) The resourceful, unerringly grounded title character is Jamal Malik (Dev Patel), a lanky kid from the Mumbai slums whom we meet just after he wins 10 million rupees on India's own version of the "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" TV show. Accused of cheating, Jamal is taken into custody by the Mumbai police, and he proceeds to tell them his story, a tale of one boy's decidedly unsentimental education by way of poverty, tribal strife, abandonment, exploitation, criminal gangs and star-crossed love. (AH)

TAKEN (PG-13, 94 minutes) The story of an ex-CIA spook (Liam Neeson) who trains his deadly skills on the Albanian slavers who have kidnapped his daughter, the film

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delivers action, car chases, gunfights and just enough queasy exploitation to make you feel bad about yourself afterward. Bryan Mills retired from his CIA job to be closer to his daughter, 17-year-old Kim (Maggie Grace), who lives in California with her mother (Famke Janssen). Kim wants to spend the summer in Europe despite the qualms of her dad, who sees danger around every corner. Needless to say, Bryan is right: Kim is nabbed less than an hour after landing at Charles de Gaulle airport, and it falls to her father to rescue her from the sex-slavery ring that plans to sell her to a sheik. The film is perhaps best viewed as a cautionary tale for nervous fathers as Neeson tears through the Parisian underworld. Its message: Dads, don't let your little girls go anywhere or do anything, ever. (DAN KOIS)

UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R, 92 minutes) An impressive cast of British actors lend Shakespearean importance to this dark and hilariously grandiose

vampires-versus-werewolves saga. High school-age fans of gothic horror ought to be entertained. (JANE HORWITZ)

UNINVITED (PG-13, 87 minutes) This remake of the Korean “A Tale of Two Sisters” begins with teenage Anna (Emily Browning) in a mental institution. She can't get over dreams of the fire that killed her mother 10 months before, and she's troubled by visions of a creepy red-haired girl. Even so, her kindly shrink says it's time for her to go home. There she finds that her father (David Strathairn), a famous writer, has set up housekeeping with Rachael (Elizabeth Banks), the nurse who had been tending to Mom. Anna's smart-alecky older sister, Alex (Arielle Kebbel), is just disgusted by the whole thing. Soon the girls come to suspect that Rachael killed their mother. First-time directors Thomas and Charles Guard give the action a glossy polish and a properly measured pace. They also maintain the right narrative balance. Is Anna the victim of an archetypal wicked stepmother, or is she unstable? Experienced horror fans will probably stay one step ahead of the game, but it's still a nice ride. (MM)

Entertainment **Weekend**

Now Playing

WENDY AND LUCY (R, 80 minutes) A deliberately spartan tone poem of need and desperation, the film stars Michelle Williams in a role that is one long moment. Wendy is trying to make her way from Indiana to Alaska because she has a vague promise of work in a fish-packing plant. When her Honda breaks down, she's faced with repair bills she can't pay. Wendy steals food for her dog, Lucy, and she becomes the victim of a self-righteous store employee: "If a person can't afford dog food, they shouldn't have a dog!" Wendy later searches desperately for Lucy, who disappeared while she was under arrest. Williams' performance is nuanced, moving and well worth any awards she gets. But Wendy is also anonymous. We are provided almost nothing about her background. She could be anyone, and her circumstances anyone's. Which, of course, is writer Kelly Reichardt's point. We get the whole point. We just don't get the whole woman, despite a performance that puts flesh on words and pictures. (JA)

THE WRESTLER (R, 109 minutes) As washed-up one-time ringmaster Randy



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SINS OF THE FATHER: Liam Neeson plays the violent protector in "Taken."

"The Ram" Robinson, Mickey Rourke embodies the same tragedy of ego that afflicts his character. As good as Rourke is, his performance constantly begs the question of whether the story would be worth telling without him. Marisa Tomei, as Cassidy the pole dancer, delivers a courageous performance; both Randy and Cassidy exist in fairly shadowy worlds that thrive on youth, and both are aging out. But in the broader

sense, Randy is another in a long line of American screen characters who are facing the inevitable and can't tease their regrets. We feel for him. And we feel for us. Maybe that's enough. (JA)

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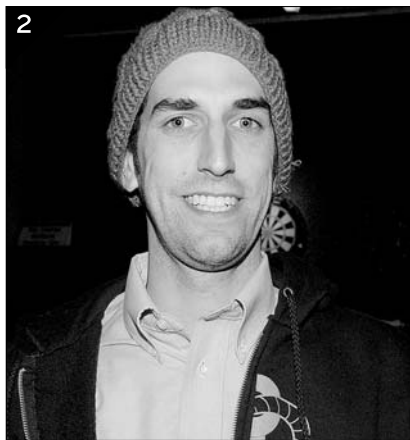
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3 they'll be networking — but, secretly, they're learning to enjoy the arts. The Washington Ballet has the Jete Society, and its annual Dance Party is on the horizon. At the open-bar affair, various DJs will perform until the Washington Ballet dancers take over. F.Z.

→ Embassy of the Russian Federation, 2650 Wisconsin Ave. NW; Fri., 9 p.m.-midnight, \$85; 202-362-3606 x123.



Here, Kitty

Who needs a pop princess when you can have a soulful chanteuse? Chan Marshall, aka Cat Power, was known for her struggle with stagefright, but that hasn't stopped her from captivating audiences across the country. Now she's back playing another sold-out show at the 9:30 Club with her heartbreaking vocals and signature softness. Oh, right, it's sold out. Don't feel like trolling Craigslist for tickets? No worries: Add "My Blueberry Nights" on your Netflix queue to watch Marshall in her big-screen debut as Jude Law's girlfriend. While you're at it, grab her latest album, "Jukebox," on iTunes. N.O.

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→ **Best chicken:** The Buffalo Chicken Sandwich at Stoney's (1433 P St. NW; 202-234-1818). Topped with quality blue cheese.

→ **Best vegetarian:** The Avocado on Whole Grain or the Portabello and Mozzarella Panini at Busboys and Poets (2021 14th St. NW; 202-387-7638). One's cold, one's hot, both are tasty. KARMAH ELMUSA (EXPRESS)

Television

PLENTY OF 'LOVE' TO GO AROUND: HBO has renewed the critically acclaimed drama series "Big Love" for a fourth season, it was announced Thursday. "Big Love" is the story of polygamist Bill Henrickson (Bill Paxton) and his three wives.



ON TV THIS WEEKEND

SECRET AGENT MAN

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BAD BOYS, BAD BOYS

Friday night is the new Saturday night. At least it is on Fox, where **COPS** (8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.) is followed by **AMERICA'S MOST WANTED** (9 p.m.).

A.C. SLATER BACK AGAIN

On tonight's **TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORY** (9 p.m., El, Fri.), it's Mario Lopez, the ubiquitous "Miss America" host who has dazzled fans on "Dancing With the Stars," appeared in a Broadway revival of "A Chorus Line" and scored a coveted interview with presidential candidate Barack Obama as the



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GET IT? 'COLLEGE'?

Smash gives it the old college try on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

FUTURISTIC PIRATES

Rebels seize control of the ship on

BATTLESTAR GALACTICA (10 p.m., Sci Fi, Fri.).

HOW THE MIGHTY FALL

GIFTED HANDS: THE BEN CARSON STORY (8 p.m., TNT, Sat.), starring Cuba Gooding Jr., is a well-meaning movie

with interesting characters based on a true story, but it somehow doesn't come together.

THE CANINE WAR

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SULLY'S TEAM

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PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (120 350) 645 920
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (100 PM 330 PM) 630 PM
DEFIANCE (R) - ID REQ'D (135 PM)
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) - ID REQ'D 900 PM
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG-13) (435 PM) 815 PM
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DEFIANCE (R) - ID REQ'D (120 420) 720 1020
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TAKEN (PG-13) (1100 1215 115 230 330 445 545) 700 800 945 1045
INKHEART (PG) (100 PM)
UNDERWORLD 3 (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 315 530) 745 1000
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 200 445) 730 1015
NOTORIOUS (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 330) 630 930
PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (1215 245 500) 715 930
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (1145 PM) 415 645
GRAN TORINO (R) - ID REQ'D (345 PM) 630 PM 915 PM
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NEW IN TOWN (PG-13) (1225 240) 535 800 1030
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OC: UNDERWORLD 3 (R) - ID REQ'D (300) 545 815 1035
UNDERWORLD 3 (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 235) 450 720 940 1150
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PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (1220 235) 450 720 940 1150
DEFIANCE (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 AM)
MY BLOODY VALENTINE 3D (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1155 220 510) 745 1015
BRIDE WARS (PG) (1145 AM 200 PM)
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG-13) (250 PM) 620 PM 955 PM
GRAN TORINO (R) - ID REQ'D (100) 345 640 930 1210
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TAKEN (PG-13) (135 415 455) 655 730 915 1020
INKHEART (PG) (110 PM)
UNDERWORLD 3 (R) - ID REQ'D (115 405) 720 1005
PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (200 435) 745 1020
NOTORIOUS (R) - ID REQ'D (150 PM) 430 PM 715 PM
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (150 PM 430 PM) 715 PM
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) - ID REQ'D (420 PM) 700 PM 1000 PM
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DOUBT (PG-13) (130 PM)
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THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (200 435) 700 930 1200
HIS JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (1210 110 320 420) 630 730 940 1040
PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (100 350) 620 850
PUSH (PG-13) (140 430) 720 1010
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THE UNINVITED (PG-13) (1245 330) 600 825 1110
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UNDERWORLD 3 (R) - ID REQ'D (340) 610 845 1120
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UNDERWORLD 3 (R) - ID REQ'D (110 330) 605 1020
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PUSH (PG-13) (115 405) 700 945
CORALINE - 3D (PG) (120 420) 720 950
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THE UNINVITED (PG-13) (1205 225 450) 725 945
TAKEN (PG-13) (1220 240 400 505) 650 750 910 1010
OC: UNDERWORLD 3 (R) - ID REQ'D (150 PM)
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PUSH (PG-13) (145 440) 630 845
NEW IN TOWN (PG-13) (115 340) 640 900
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TAKEN (PG-13) (1245 330 530) 810 1030
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UNDERWORLD 3 (R) - ID REQ'D (240 540) 800 1020
PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (1230 310) 610 830
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (1250 PM 320 PM) 620 PM
BRIDE WARS (PG) (1240 310) 615 840
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 PM 320 PM) 620 PM
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG-13) 850 PM
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UNDERWORLD 3 (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 150 440) 710 945
PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (1215 245 545) 815 1040
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***CORALINE (PG)** 11:45, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:25
***HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13)** 12:00, 3:00, 6:05, 9:15
***PUSH (PG-13)** 11:30, 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00
***TAKEN (PG-13)** 11:25, 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50
***THE UNINVITED (PG-13)** 12:10, 2:10, 4:20, 7:25, 9:35
UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R) 11:55, 2:40, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55
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DIGITAL PRESENTATION
BRIDE WARS (PG) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:35, 3:50, 6:10, 8:35, 11:00

CORALINE (PG) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35, 12:30
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (10:05 @ \$6), 12:10, 1:20, 3:30, 4:30, 6:40, 7:40, 9:55, 10:45
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (10:40, 11:20 @ \$6), 1:25, 2:00, 4:05, 4:35, 6:45, 7:25, 9:10, 10:00, 11:40
PUSH (PG13) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 10:25
NEW IN TOWN (PG) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50, 12:15
TAKEN (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 10:05, 12:30
THE UNINVITED (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:30, 12:35
INKHEART (PG) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:00
UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10, 12:15
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (10:30 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:20, 5:55, 8:30
NOTORIOUS (R) 6:50, 9:45
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (10:35 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10, 12:25
NOT EASILY BROKEN (PG13) 7:15, 9:45, 12:10
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) (11:10 @ \$6), 2:50, 6:30, 10:15

AMC SELECT
MILK (R) 3:05
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) 11:05 PM
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
THE WRESTLER (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35
DEFIANCE (R) 12:00, 6:15, 9:15
LAST CHANCE HARVEY (PG13) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:40
GRAN TORINO (R) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
THE READER (R) 12:45, 3:40, 6:35, 9:30

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DIGITAL PRESENTATION
PUSH (PG13) (11:50 @ \$6), 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:35

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (11:45 @ \$6), 2:15, 4:50, 7:45, 10:25
NEW IN TOWN (PG) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:45, 8:10, 10:45
THE UNINVITED (PG13) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:30, 5:55, 8:20, 10:50
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INKHEART (PG) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:05
UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (11:15 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (11:15 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40
NOTORIOUS (R) 9:15 PM
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (10:40 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45
BRIDE WARS (PG) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:35, 6:50

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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:15, 7:40, 10:40
DEFIANCE (R) 7:15, 10:15
GRAN TORINO (R) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05

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DIGITAL 3D
CORALINE 3D (PG) (12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (12:55, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (1) 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:45
PUSH (PG13) (1) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
NEW IN TOWN (PG) (12:10, 2:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50
TAKEN (PG13) (12:10, 2:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) 3:00, 6:40, 10:20

AMC SELECT
FROST/NIXON (R) 2:20, 7:40
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:30
THE WRESTLER (R) 12:00, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40
DEFIANCE (R) 12:50, 4:05, 7:10, 10:25
LAST CHANCE HARVEY (PG13) 12:00, 5:10, 10:35
GRAN TORINO (R) 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40
THE READER (R) 1:55, 4:50, 8:00, 10:55
DOUBT (PG13) 1:45

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DIGITAL PRESENTATION
PUSH (PG13) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:00, 1:00, 3:05, 4:05, 6:15, 7:15, 9:25, 10:25, 12:15
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (9:30, 11:00 @ \$6), 12:10, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 11:30
NEW IN TOWN (PG) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
TAKEN (PG13) (12:10 AM
TAKEN (PG13) (10:05 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
THE UNINVITED (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:35
INKHEART (PG) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:35, 7:10
UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R) (10:25 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:10, 10:40
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:10, 6:40
MY BLOODY VALENTINE (R) 9:20 PM 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES
NOTORIOUS (R) 9:45 PM
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (9:55 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05, 12:05
BRIDE WARS (PG) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:20, 6:55
THE UNBORN (PG13) 9:40 PM
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) 9:15 PM
AMC SELECT
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:55, 6:50
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50
DEFIANCE (R) 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 9:55
GRAN TORINO (R) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10

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PUSH (PG13) (12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:25
THE UNINVITED (PG13) (11:45 @ \$6), 1:30, 3:50, 6:50, 8:10, 10:15
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) 12:05, 3:40, 7:10

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MILK (R) 2:10, 7:40
FROST/NIXON (R) 5:00, 10:30
THE WRESTLER (R) 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
DEFIANCE (R) 10:40 PM
THE READER (R) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35

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HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
PUSH (PG13) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
TAKEN (PG13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25
THE UNINVITED (PG13) (11:45 @ \$6), 2:15, 4:45, 7:05, 9:45
UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R) (12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
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MY BLOODY VALENTINE (R) 12:05, 5:00, 10:00 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES
NOTORIOUS (R) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (11:50 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
NOT EASILY BROKEN (PG13) (11:50 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
THE UNBORN (PG13) 2:30, 7:30

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MILK (R) 1:40, 7:10
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
THE WRESTLER (R) 2:15, 4:55, 7:25, 10:00
THE READER (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45
WENDY AND LUCY (R) (1) 1:30, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45
RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R) 4:25, 9:55

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DOUBT (PG13) 2:05, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30

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DIGITAL 3D
CORALINE 3D (PG) (9:25 @ \$8), 12:10, 2:40, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20, 12:45

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (9:55 @ \$6), 1:05, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (9:15, 11:40 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:30, 12:10
PUSH (PG13) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25, 1:00
NEW IN TOWN (PG) (9:35 @ \$6), 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50, 12:15
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INKHEART (PG) (9:30 @ \$6), 2:45, 7:45
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HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (9:00, 11:25 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35, 12:05
MY BLOODY VALENTINE (R) 12:15, 5:15, 10:30, 12:55 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:15, 10:35, 12:50
BRIDE WARS (PG) (10:30 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:20, 10:50
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) (12:20, 3:50, 7:25, 10:55

AMC SELECT
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) (9:05 @ \$6), 3:05, 8:50
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10, 1:00
DEFIANCE (R) 12:05, 5:45, 11:35
GRAN TORINO (R) (10:15 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:05, 7:10, 9:55, 12:40

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CORALINE (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:20
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
TAKEN (PG13) 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15

AMC SELECT
GRAN TORINO (R) 1:50, 4:05, 6:55, 10:00

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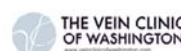
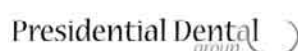
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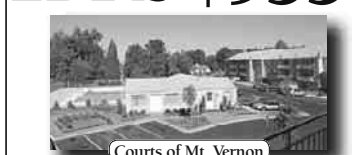
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Confections

Necco hopes to sell candy Sweethearts past Valentine's Day

After 162 years, the New England Confectionery Co. wants to be more than your valentine.

The maker of Sweethearts — the tiny heart-shaped candies inscribed with messages such as “I Love You” and “Kiss Me” — and other sugary nostalgia such as Mary Janes, Necco Wafers and Clark Bars says now is the perfect time to broaden its offerings, despite the recession and saturated candy market.

“It’s the oldest multiline candy business in the United States. There are some iconic brands here that are just marvelous,” said Necco’s new chief executive, Richard Krause. “We thought it was an excellent opportunity to take this company to the next level.”

When Necco opened in 1847, there were only 29 states in the Union, the Civil War had yet to start, and Abraham Lincoln was in Congress. It began making its signature Sweetheart Conversation Hearts in 1866, spreading G-rated messages of affection.

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It has since introduced many themes, with hearts in Spanish or more modern messages such as “Text Me.” It also offers Sky Bars, Double Dipped Peanuts and Thin Mints, but the tiny hearts are still

Necco’s best sellers.

Krause says if the company wants to survive in a global economy — and take advantage of consumers’ need for less-expensive entertainment — it needs a little change of its hearts.

Next month, Necco plans to unveil a new line of Sweethearts connected to “Twilight” — the young-adult vampire-romance book series. They’ll be released at the same time as the DVD of the movie and feature such sayings as “Bite Me,” “Bedazzle” and “Live 4 Ever.”

In addition, around Memorial Day, Necco will introduce a “Red, White and You” series aimed at veterans returning from Iraq with

Change Of Heart

messages like “Proud” and “Love the USA.”

“We’re going outside of just the seasons,” said Jackie Hague, the company’s new vice president of marketing. “And during the seasons we want to expand at the right time. And these brands are perfect for that.”

Krause, who joined the company in August as its chief operating officer, said Necco needs to expand its brand in the U.S. now so it is in a better financial position to expand globally later. He is aiming for 30 percent growth within two years for Necco, whose annual revenue has hovered around \$100 million since 2005.

Necco isn’t the first confection-

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SUGAR RUSH: Necco CEO Richard Krause poses with thousands of Sweethearts at the company’s office in Revere, Mass.



Necco plans to unveil a new line of Sweethearts connected to the movie “Twilight.”

ery company to try expanding a seasonal product’s appeal.

Brach’s Confections, now owned by Farley’s & Sathers Candy Co., began seven years ago to expand its Candy Corn brand beyond Halloween, said company spokeswoman Michelle Graber. The conical sweets can now be found year-round in a variety of flavors and colors, including a pink and white version at Valentine’s Day.

“It’s been very successful for us,” said Graber.

Pat Conroy, a consumer products expert at accounting and consulting firm Deloitte & Touche USA, said any move by Necco to seek new markets outside its traditional seasonal push could work if the

company doesn’t try to redefine itself too fast.

“They are competing for the footprint in consumers’ minds,” Conroy said. “They’ve got a kind of brand image that’s recognized, so they must have a clear basis for differentiating any new brands they are taking on.”

Toward the goal of streamlining, Necco will replace some of the machinery at its new 820,000-

square-foot factory.

“Some of this equipment ... we’ve been using since the 1930s,” said Manny Da Costa, Necco’s facility manager.

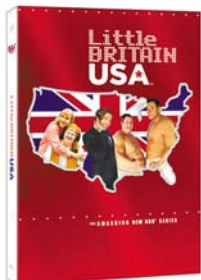
As for releasing new products during a recession, Conroy said candy is inexpensive.

“People still like to reward themselves,” said Conroy. “At the end of the day, a little candy won’t tilt their budgets.” RUSSELL CONTRERAS (AP)

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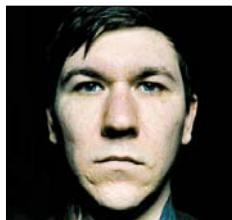
Very Little Britain

When the minds behind the U.K.'s hit comedy "Little Britain" decided to do a U.S. spin-off, fans were thrilled. Unfortunately, "Little Britain U.S.A." is filled with weak and obvious jokes. To save you time, Ewa Beaujon provides a guide to the best sketches to fast-forward to, not through. | ONLINE NOW

MUSIC

So Awarding

The Grammys are supposed to recognize music's cream of the crop, but it's usually the big names who take home the awards while the true artists go home empty-handed. So, Roxana Hadadi perused the most relevant categories and chose who actually deserves to win. | ONLINE NOW



SOUND BETS

Full-On Relapse

On Sunday, the Velvet Lounge will be hosting two Relapse Records bands: Dysrhythmia and Tombs. But rather than belonging to any of the label's "-core" sounds, these groups look to the 1990s indie underground for their heavy music. Christopher Porter has a preview. | ONLINE NOW

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

SHOULD FERTILITY DOCTORS FACE SANCTIONS IN CASES LIKE THE RECENT OCTUPLET BIRTH?

YES 50%

NO 50%



"If the AMA won't address

this issue and revoke the certifications and medical licenses of physicians who behave in an unethical fashion, then (and only then) the government has an obligation to step forward."

COMMENTER MILDLYMISANTHROPIC, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD FERTILITY DOCTORS FACE SANCTIONS IN CASES LIKE THE RECENT OCTUPLET BIRTH?"

“No, only because

the government ought not get involved in personal freedoms. However, I wonder about people who give birth to litters of children."

COMMENTER FRED, WHO ADDED, "WHAT AN ENORMOUS DRAIN OF RESOURCES ON A COMMUNITY."

“Shouldn't they

also be sanctioned for performing IVF on an unwed, unemployed woman who already has six kids?"

COMMENTER VEGGIETART, WHO ADDED, "HOW IS THIS WOMAN GOING TO CARE FOR AND RAISE THESE KIDS?"

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Blog LOG

"On the surface I thought this was a stupid idea, but, really, when you think about it, couldn't this be 'Narnia' meets 'Willy Wonka'?"

PUNCHDRUNKCRITICS.BLOGSPOT.COM LIKES THE IDEA OF A MOVIE ADAPTATION OF CANDY LAND, WHICH HE REFERS TO AS "EVERYONE'S FAVORITE CHILDHOOD [BOARD] GAME."



"I thought this was cute when I first saw it, but now I hear Newsweek will be producing one of these fake reality TV show episodes of 'The District' every week! There goes my idea for a reality-TV show."

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"Not gonna lie: I'm almost embarrassed that the Wizards will be on national TV against the Denver Nuggets Friday."

TRUTHABOUTIT.NET DOESN'T THINK THE NBA TEAM HAS ANY BUSINESS ON ESPN, ADDING, "THEIR LAZINESS AND LACK OF EFFORT ARE REACHING EPIC PROPORTIONS."



Discussions

Mindy Kaling

"The Office's" **MINDY KALING** was online Thursday and discussed the current season and what it's like to be a key player on one of TV's funniest shows.



Do you ever find it challenging to write for any of the characters? I would think that some are easier to write for than others.

I find it certainly challenging to write for Creed because his character is so eccentric that you really do need to make sure to rein it in. According to our show, if you look at all of the details, he's, like, 105 years old, he sleeps at the office, and he's fathered dozens of chil-

dren. Oh, and he was a huge action film star in China in the '70s. So, I've found it challenging to write for him because there are almost no constraints.

My wife, who is Indian, worships you for your portrayal of the Kelly character. It escapes the tired stereotypes of South Asians but doesn't run away from her ethnicity (for example, in the Diwali scene). The character is ditzzy without being stupid, yet is also assertive and clever with a barb. Total lack of pretension. I just think you're hilarious.

I'd like to say to this man that we should run away together. Thank you for your compliment. I think the Kelly character is fun to play because she's not a role model for anybody. Although I do sometimes believe my parents wish I played a cardiologist at Johns Hopkins.

Aside from Kelly, who is your favorite character on "The Office" to write for?

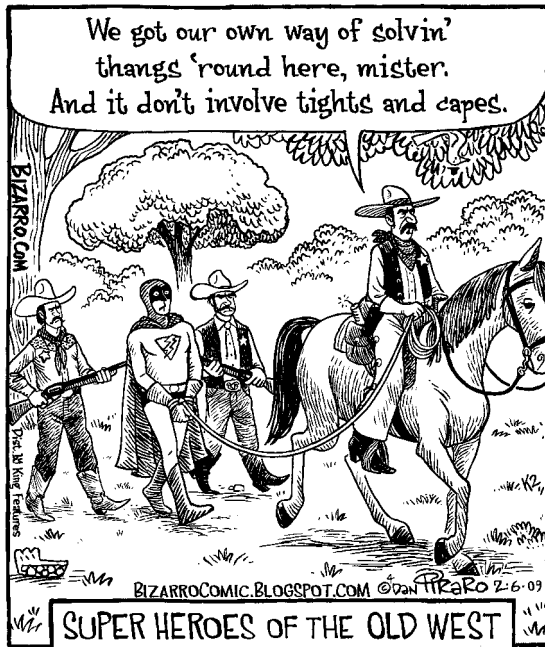
I love writing for Dwight because he has one of the richest backstories of any of the characters. He is a farmer who is part Amish, who has war criminal relatives and who was involved in a secret love triangle — and has a nine-bedroom, possibly haunted hotel/farm.

Which comes first when you write: the "That's what she said" line or the line that elicits said response?

"That's what she said" in our writing room has become so commonplace, that we've had to put a moratorium on it. What comes first is almost always the setup.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:
The Washington Post's Warren Brown answers your questions about this week's Washington Auto Show at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

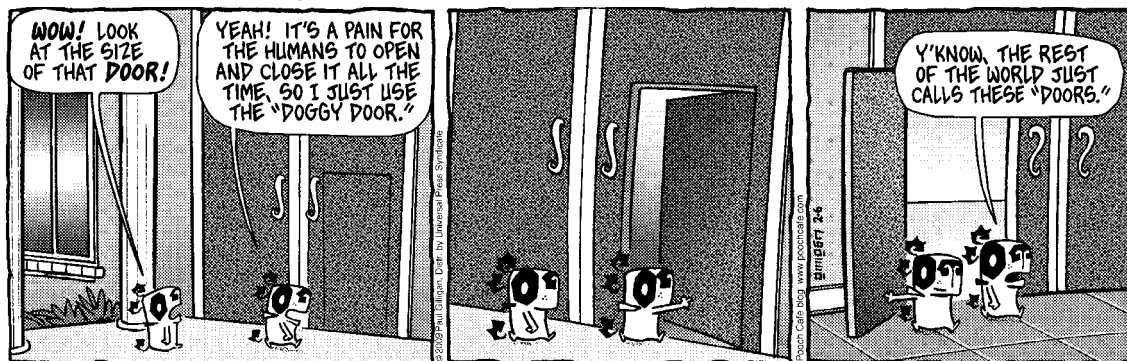


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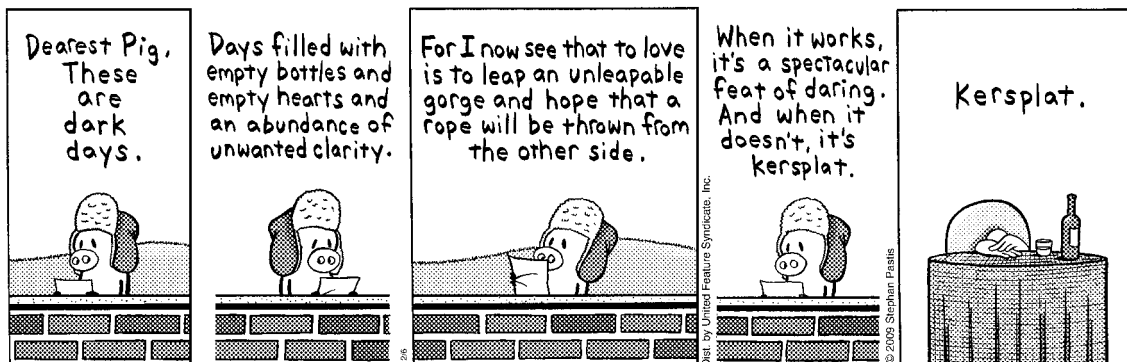


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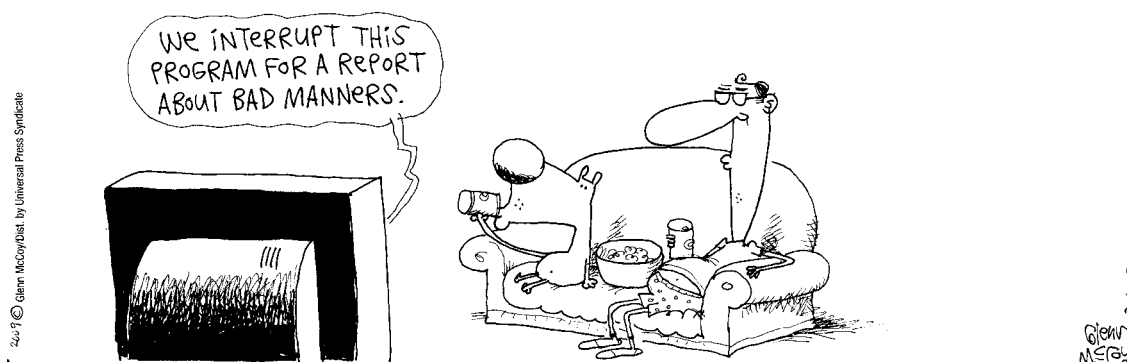
Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The day can certainly be yours, provided you concentrate on the here and now and don't distract yourself with past worries or future dreams.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) An honest approach is advised at all times — but especially when you are up against someone with great authority than you can boast.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are a fine judge of character, but it is your own character that may come under the microscope.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You needn't offer up too much of an explanation when your motives or methods are questioned. Let the facts speak for themselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It is important that you are in touch with your feelings and the feelings of those closest to you. Your perceptions take precedence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can inspire confidence in others, and as a result you

can accomplish more yourself than you had originally planned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be self-sufficient, but there comes a time in everyone's life in which they are compelled to ask for help or guidance. Yours is now.

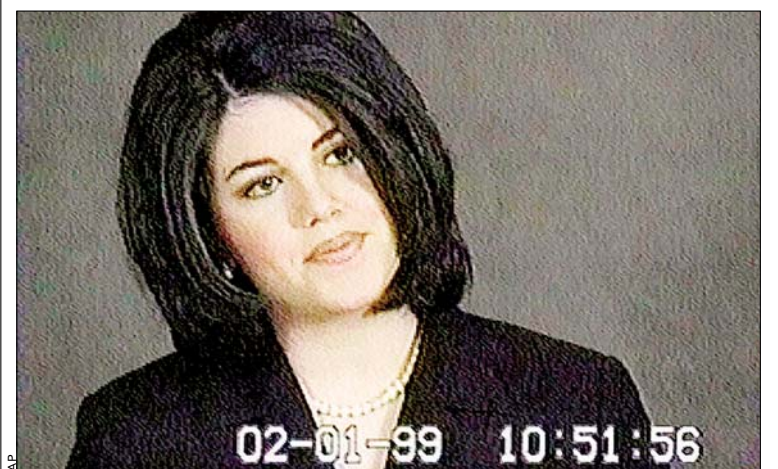
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're feeling rebellious, but don't let temptation get the better of you. Maintain a balanced approach at all times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Some may call you cocky and overconfident, but you have what it takes to make good on all manner of recent boasts. Go for broke.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You've been moving at a rapid pace for quite sometime, but you'll want to slow down a bit before you start making careless mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Are you surrounding yourself with those who bring out the best in you? You can make a change that really makes a difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be surprised to learn just who is looking out for you at this time. By day's end, a new alliance may be in the making.



Monica Lewinsky's videotaped testimony was shown at Clinton's trial Feb. 6, 1999.

Today in History

1933 The 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, is proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

1978 Muriel Humphrey takes the oath of office as a United States senator from Minnesota, filling the seat of her late husband, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

1999 The public finally sees and hears Monica

Lewinsky as excerpts of the ex-White House intern's videotaped testimony are shown at President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial.

2008 The Phoenix Suns acquire Shaquille O'Neal in a blockbuster deal that sends four-time All-Star Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks to the Miami Heat.

Correction: In Thursday's Weekend Pass, Ernie Hudson was credited as providing the voice of the cat in "Coraline." The character is voiced by Keith David. Express regrets the error.

LOOK out People



NEW LINE CINEMA

Parker to bloom again on a big screen.

RE: PRODUCTIONS

Study: Married Women in Urban Areas Have More 'Sex'

New Line Cinema spokeswoman Candice McDonough confirms that "Sex and the City" star **SARAH JESSICA PARKER**, her three co-stars and writer-director Michael Patrick King are signed for a sequel to "Sex and the City." (AP)

DIPLOMACY

St. Angelina Appears in Asia

ANGELINA JOLIE has called on Thailand's government to give more freedom to tens of thousands of Burmese refugees it has kept locked inside camps for up to 20 years. The actress is a goodwill ambassador for the U.N.'s refugee agency. (AP)



JIM COOPER/JAP

AWARDS

Baby Maybe Not

M.I.A. is scheduled to perform at Sunday's Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on her due date. The 31-year-old rapper, who is nominated in two categories, told USA Today, "They say that you're often late the first time, so I'm planning to go." No word on whether she'll attend the Academy Awards on Feb. 22. She is nominated for record of the year. (EXPRESS)



E=MC2
Nerd Herd Crowns a 'Freak and Geek' King

JAMES FRANCO, who won recent acclaim for playing both a goofy pot dealer and Harvey Milk's lover, has been named Harvard's Hasty Pudding Man of the Year. Franco will receive the award at a roast Feb. 13 by the Hasty Pudding — the nation's oldest under-

Franco earned a B.A. in English lit from UCLA.

graduate drama troupe. The actor was nominated for a Golden Globe for his supporting role in "Pineapple Express" and starred opposite Sean Penn in "Milk." Franco, 31, appeared in TV's "Freaks and Geeks" and as James Dean in a TNT biopic. (AP)

DISMISSAL

Man Smokes Massive Cigar Rolled With \$100,000 Bills

A New York judge has thrown out a \$50 million lawsuit filed by an ex-girlfriend of **50 CENT'S** who claimed the rapper promised to take care of her for life. Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Carol Edmead dis-



missed Shaniqua Tompkins' claims to half of 50 Cent's assets. While the amount sought turned out to be irrelevant, the judge said the rapper's worth is "set at no less than \$50 million." (AP)

TAXES

Men Increasingly Concerned With Hotness of Accountant

Race car driver and "Dancing With the Stars" winner **HELIO CASTRO-NEVES** is insisting he's not guilty of federal tax evasion charges. Castro-neves, his sister and an attorney are charged with allegedly scheming to evade taxes on about \$5.5 million between 1999 and 2004. (AP)



Indeed, Castroneves favors jumpsuits.

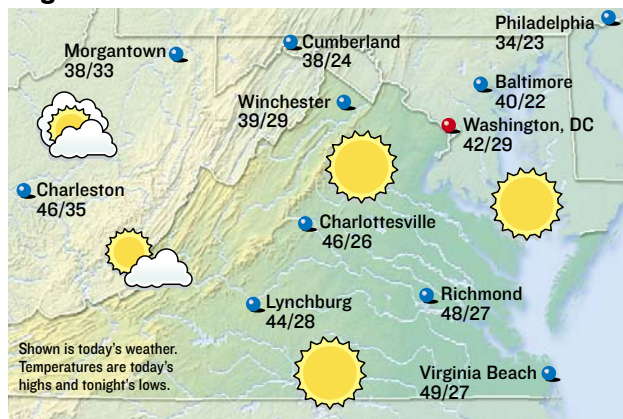
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Temperature
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Normal month to date 0.46"
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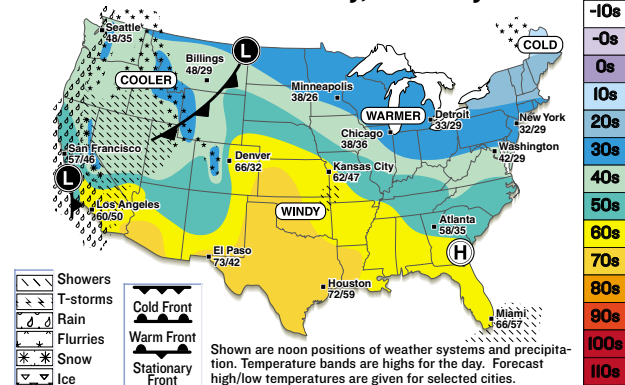
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Moonset today 4:52 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, February 6



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	58/35/s	63/43/s
Boston	25/20/s	39/35/pc
Chicago	38/36/pc	51/28/c
Dallas	72/57/pc	70/56/sh
Denver	66/32/s	56/26/pc
Honolulu	81/68/pc	81/69/pc
Los Angeles	60/50/r	58/48/t
Miami	66/57/pc	74/62/pc
New York City	32/29/s	44/38/pc
Orlando	64/41/pc	72/50/s
Seattle	48/35/sh	47/37/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	45/37/pc	42/36/r
Athens	64/55/s	64/56/pc
Berlin	45/38/s	43/35/c
Buenos Aires	86/63/s	82/66/s
Calgary	33/20/sn	39/23/pc
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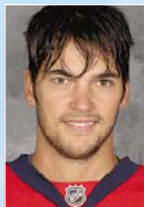
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11 AM



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2-4 PM
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SUNDAY



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1-3 PM



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■ **In his 1997** Oscar acceptance speech — for his supporting role in "Jerry Maguire" — Cuba Gooding Jr. showed the sort of ecstatic enthusiasm he brings to his acting gigs. Now Gooding stars in the true story of a troubled young boy who grows up to be a famed surgeon in the TNT movie "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story" (Sat., 8 p.m.).

What inspired you to take this role?

I'd heard the name Ben Carson and knew he was a famous neurosurgeon. But when I found out about his humble beginnings and some of his miracle surgeries, that really moved me. Then I got to meet him when he got the Presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House. Within a two-day period, I knew he was important and that I should play this role.

Did you need a crash course in biology to play a doctor?

I shadowed another neurologist, watched tapes of surgeries and asked Carson a lot of questions. I guess, like every other real-life guy, I got an education as much as I could and then tried to pick up tidbits in side conversations.

Were their particular elements of imitating a surgeon that you had trouble with?

I did become fascinated with watching doctors' hands. One of my hobbies is boxing, and I think surgeons, like pro boxers, are very particular about where they place their hands.

Carson had a pretty hardscrabble childhood. Were their parts of it that reminded you of your own?

Sure. My parents divorced when I was around 11, and around that time we were homeless for a bit, down on our luck. My mom and her faith got us through. She instilled a strong belief system in me.



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Cuba Gooding Jr.

ACTOR, BOXER, DO-GOODER

How do you stay in shape?

I box and play a lot of ice hockey. Those are my physical, violent hobbies. And we've got a roller rink and a basketball hoop at our house.

What else do you do when you aren't working?

I have three kids, so between the gymnastics, the dance, the baseball and the tennis, I try to plug myself into their routine. It's hard to think about my own hobbies. I have I don't know how many books on the shelf, since reading scripts keeps me busy. And then my TiVo is so important.

What's your place in L.A. like?

I built a screening room in our house, so we can sit and watch movies. My wife still hasn't seen "It's a Wonderful Life," so, I'm not speaking to her.

The film had you dressed in scrubs. What do you put on off-camera?

I fly wearing sweats, because the last thing you want to do after you've traveled is find an outfit. When I go out to eat, it's jeans or cargo pants, a T-shirt and a leather jacket. And

"I box and play a lot of ice hockey.

Those are my physical, violent hobbies."

I like Blundstone boots. They help because my arches are dropping.

Any style icons?

It depends on my mood. It could be Tom Ford one week and Kanye West the next.

What do you do for the red carpet?

I got to look good, girl! I try not to do the tie thing. But I put on a suit, and I'm good to go.

Charity is a big thing for you, too.

I try to help with MS, diabetes and AIDS. It's great as a celebrity to get to shine a light on these things.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



The Rainbow Collection

SO MUCH FOR THOSE GRAND, get-everything-organized-in-2009 new year's resolutions. Still, with more than 10 months to go, there's probably no time like the present to finally round up those messy piles of papers, pages ripped from Real Simple and random receipts. Enter Semikolon's sizeable expanding file (\$32, Seejanetwork.com), which offers an easy filing system with a healthy dose of design chic. The bright, color-coded spectrum almost makes office cleaning fun. Almost.

Grab Bag

3 Industrial Revelation

WHEN NEW YORK JEWELRY designer Philip Crangi — much lauded for his edgy-meets-elegant pieces — teamed up with his sister Courtney, the result was Giles & Brother, a mid-priced assortment of bijoux infused with a gritty, witty chic. Among the covetable finds: an aged brass bangle that resembles an oversized nut and bolt (shown, \$95, Barney's Co-op, 3040 M St. NW; 202-350-5832), skinny leather wrap bracelets and rings shaped like railroad spikes.



2 Just My Stripe

MENTION THE WORD "rattan," and most decor fans shudder and then picture tacky "Three's Company"-era thrones or that ratty sofa on Grandma's porch. But the sustainable stuff — woven from palm fibers — gets a punchy update via VivaTerra's Barcelona line. Colorful, meet-me-at-the-fiesta stripes grace a chair (shown, \$329, Vivaterra.com), storage cubes (\$198 for two) and other pieces. Any of them would add a little olé to a den or bedroom.



The Color Blurple

WE IMAGINE KARL LAGERFELD must be feeling kind of moody these days. How else to explain Chanel's new runaway hit nail polish, the navy blue-meets-royal purple "Vendetta" (\$23, Saksfifthavenue.com)? The inky shade, inspired by the ponytailed designer's recent sojourns to Moscow, delivers a decadently dark hue with just a touch of iridescent shimmer. For a major touch of fashion cred, pair it with fingerless gloves and pile on the silver rings à la the kaiser himself.



Eat Your Heart Out

CALL US CYNICAL, but now is the time when anything pink, fluffy or heart-strewn pretty much makes us want to gag. With one exception: these endearing plastic Valentine's measuring cups (\$12, Urban Outfitters, 3111 M St. NW; 202-342-1012), which would make a great gift for our steady sweetie, if we had one. As it is, we do not, so, instead, we'll be using them to whip up an oversized batch of cookie dough to see us through until Feb. 15. Sigh.

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manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I'm attending a wedding in Northern Virginia at a very upmarket horse farm (think dressage and fox hunting). Supposedly, all of Washington society will be there. What do you recommend I wear? — PENNY

■ Manolo says, ayyyyy! The Manolo's friend is cavorting with the horsey set! With their hacking jackets, riding crops and miscellaneous bits of incomprehensible leather tack, all of it imbued with the deep scent of ripe horse flesh and social snobbery.



Of the course, for the Manolo, the mere whiff of horse sends the Manolo, Proust-like, back to his gypsy childhood and to bad memories of Beto and La Bruja, those disreputable horses who pulled the family caravan about the Spanish countryside.

Like congressmen, they were obstinate and stupid, given to bad tempers, unwilling to do hard work, and overly fond of rich fodder. They forever cured the Manolo of considering horses glamorous, much as contact with congressmen cures the residents of Washington of their illusions.

Speaking of Washington, at the moment everyone is taking their cue from the new first lady, and, thus, the Camelot era-ish pump has returned. Look, here is the Candidate from Stuart Weitzman (\$256, Zappos.com).

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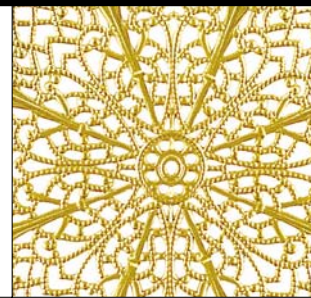
Madeline wears a custom headpiece by local designer Kristin Wilcox (Featherbrain.etsy.com). Model CIMA Talent. Hair/makeup by Leah Bassett of T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.

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We love the geeky-chic style statement instantly created by a bright-colored digital watch (\$19, Fredflare.com).



Subtle yet irrepressibly cheeky, this glossy acrylic mustache ring lends quiet sass (\$9, lsette.etsy.com).



Get a jump on spring's ethnic bijoux trend with dramatic dangling earrings in a delicate lace pattern (\$12, Fredflare.com).

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Colorful mixed-stone earrings add a dressy, '60s-era sparkle to a cocktail dress (\$24, Anthropologie.com).



While technically a reusable grocery bag, this Enviroxax tote makes a cute everyday carryall (\$8, Greater Goods, 1626 U St. NW; 202-449-6070).



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SPEND YOUR CHANGE UNDER-\$

Bargain shopping rules these tough economic times. That cheap top isn't such a good find when it comes to the first washing. A better choice: Chic, low-cost accessories that can transform a plain outfit for about the price of a coffee. Add \$25-and-under embellishments to make a statement without hurting your bank statement. **BY**



Tanner's origami-ish coin pouch collects change creatively (\$24, For the Greater Good, 1781 Florida Ave. NW; 202-387-0177).



Pair this leather wrap bracelet with girly bangles to give an outfit a tough edge (\$4, H&M, 3222 M St. NW; 202-298-6792).

A sweaty hand-knit hair bow offers a soft, unexpected take on the headband trend (\$15, Dollyknits.etsy.com).



Earthy wood and slick metal mix in a stand-out necklace (\$10, Fresh, 1205 Potomac St. NW; 202-965-7115).



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← A cowl-neck scarf in a punched-up color gives new life to plain tees and tops (\$15, H&M).

↑ Throw a thick belt on over everything from dresses to jackets to instantly change up a look (\$15, H&M).

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of lunch. Try these
fashion statement

LOWTHER (EXPRESS)



↑ Tuck this carefully crafted flower barrette behind one ear for a subtle, spring-y statement (\$15, Anthropologie.com).



↑ Nothing lends serious style cred more than fabulously retro, ultra-oversized, Jackie O-style shades (\$11, Fredflare.com).



↑ Loop this preppy-meets-polished braided belt over a blazer to create a new silhouette (\$12.50, Oldnavy.com).



→ Hot hues — pink, green, yellow — invigorate classic suede moccasins (\$24.50, Oldnavy.com).



← The next best thing to a new bag: pretty, printed pouches to hold the stuff that's inside (\$10, Sewgracious.etsy.com).



← A great transition piece for spring: gauzy, extra-long scarves in light colors and airy patterns (\$19.50, American Eagle, 1220 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-965-5472).



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King of Bling

As a kid, Alexis Bittar earned pocket money selling vintage jewelry on the then-mean streets of New York's East Village. Today, he can legitimately call himself a rock star, since he makes a living creating rings, bracelets and baubles that merge contrasting elements (Lucite and crystals; sleek gold and rough gems) in a city-cool way. Bittar talks about the bijoux biz Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Corcoran Gallery of Art (500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1770). Find his work locally at haute spots such as Terra (1706 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-8581) and Tabandeh (5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-244-0777). CORY OHLENDORF



How'd you get started designing?

I grew up in Brooklyn. In high school, I started spending more time in the city. I was selling vintage pieces [in Brooklyn], and for my birthday, my parents bought \$200 worth of costume jewelry to get me started selling in Manhattan. Then jewelry got harder for me to find, so it was easier to make it.

I love the signature Lucite pieces.

How'd those come about?
While I was selling antique jewelry, Bakelite was having this moment. It was all hand-sculpted plastic treated like something precious. Lucite is similar. I love how you can manipulate the colors. It's beautiful how it reflects the light.

After 20 years in the business, what changes have you seen?

When I started, it was all big '80s pieces. Then around 1994, minimalism hit, and everyone wore all black or grunge. People forgot how to wear jewelry. But it exploded after the [new] millennium, and people started piling it on. Jewelry was like the naughty stepchild; now it's a staple again.

Are you a big jewelry guy yourself?

I used to wear a lot of it — these big heavy chains, like a thick 1950s Hermes necklace. But, slowly, I've traded it for tattoos.

Michelle Obama is a fan of costume jewelry. Any thoughts on her style?

The first lady becomes this ambassador for fashion for the whole country and the whole world. Michelle Obama does such a good job of mixing mainstream and high-end, and embracing the up-and-comers. She really looks the part while still looking modern.



Jewelry designer Alexis Bittar grew up in Brooklyn, which inspires his work.

▲ Lucite and gold star in Alexis Bittar bangles (from \$125, Alexisbittar.com).

What inspired your spring designs?

We looked at paintings of Gauguin and designs of Elsa Schiaparelli. [The spring line] has this feeling of classic jewelry that's slightly disproportionate and surreal. And then I was also inspired by the club Boombox in London, where all the kids were going back in the '80s. That means pieces that were very multilayered, very Grace Jones.

Any muses besides Jones?

There are two people who I find incredibly stylish. One is Marie-Amelie Sauve, a stylist for French Vogue who styles the runway shows at Balenciaga. When I'm designing I think, "Would she think this is cool?" And Tilda Swinton. She's just strong and beautiful.

When you're not in the studio, where might we find you?

I love going to flea markets and discovering things. And one of my great luxuries is travel. So, I love going out of town and staying at some "ye olde inn."

COURTESY ALEXIS BITTAR

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Adam Streisfeld, Jennifer Thompson

Adam, 30, works at Mercer Human Resources Consulting. Jennifer, 29, is a research associate at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. They live in D.C.

- **The Main Event:** Rabbi Harold White will marry the couple on April 18 in the District.
- **How They Met:** In March 2003, at the Front Page bar in Dupont Circle. "My eye was caught by a giant man wearing a bright-yellow button-down shirt with Sugar Daddy candies printed all over it," Jennifer says. "Adam happened

to be standing next to this man, so my thought process was something like, 'Wow, what a hideous shirt! But the guy to the left of him is cute.' Adam caught me staring and came over and introduced himself."

- **How He Proposed:** "On the fifth anniversary of the day we met," remembers Jennifer, "Adam brought me the Sunday paper, coffee and gluten-free chocolate croissants in bed." She then started reading the comics. "Eventually, Adam asked me, 'How's 'Get Fuzzy' today?'" Jennifer says. "I flipped to that page and saw he'd written 'Look up now' in the last panel. He held up the ring and asked if I'd marry him."

- **Their Song:** "Grits Ain't Groceries" by Lil' Milton.

- **Unique Touch:** Jennifer has celiac disease, so all the food at the reception will be gluten-free, including the cake.

"Wow, what a hideous shirt! But the guy to the left of him is cute."

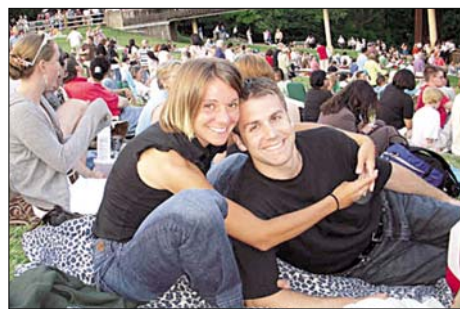
Pete Bernardy, Robyn Hoeschen

Pete, 28, is an analyst at the Department of Health and Human Services. Robyn, 27, is a social worker at Easter Seals. They live in Arlington.

- **The Main Event:** The couple will be married Sept. 6 in Robyn's hometown, Hastings, Minn. They have invited 40 friends and family members to join in their informal celebration.
- **How They Met:** They knew of each other through Robyn's sister and ran

into each other in November 2004 at Gasthof, a German bar in Minneapolis with "polka music and the whole nine," says Robyn. "We got to talking and dancing. Before we left, Pete got down on one knee to (jokingly) propose."

- **How He Proposed:** When the couple returned home for Christmas last year, they organized a dinner for both their families on Dec. 23. Robyn says: "My family



arrived, and Pete's dad brought out the camera and said that we needed to take some Christmas pictures. He told Pete and I to stand in front of the fireplace and

Christmas tree. I got up there and started to pose a little bit. I turned to look at Pete, and he was down on one knee. He asked the big question! I was bawling, and my dad was teary-eyed—and his dad got it all on videotape. It was wonderful to have all of our family members there."

- **With Unlimited Funds:** Robyn would take all their guests to a tropical destination and marry Pete on a beach. Pete would hire Beyonce to sing.

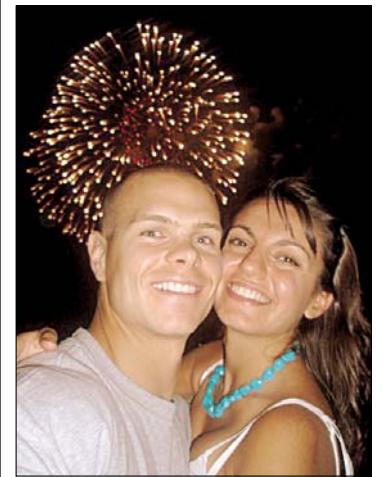
- **Family Traditions:** Robyn's dad has an authentic ball and chain—a super-heavy bowling ball that he had to wear on his wedding day. She says Pete will have to wear it, too.



Starry-Eyed Surprise

Some folks think you can choose your friends but not your family. The marriage of **DAVID GORMAN** and **JANICE ROSENBERG** will rewrite that old saw. When they ran into each other on New Year's Day in 2006 at an open house hosted by Janice's sister, they struck up a conversation that had started decades earlier. Janice recalls: "I walked into the kitchen and thought to myself, 'Who's that cute man standing next the stove?' David looked familiar, but I couldn't place him." In fact, they'd met through their families as children and have since discovered at least one photo from 1967 to prove it.

On June 28, Rabbi Howard Gorin will marry them in Rockville under a chuppah held by their nieces and nephews. "Many of our immediate family have known each other for years," Janice says. "With our marriage, we will finally all be 'related,' in a manner of speaking. We'll also be ordering silly glasses for our guests and plan to wear them in several of the 'formal' photos." David, who makes pottery as a hobby, is making all the centerpiece bowls for the reception. *KATE GIBBS (EXPRESS)*



Chris Polhemus Tsveta Gospodinova

Chris, 26, is REO manager at Wachovia in Rockville. Tsveta, 24, is a full-time graduate student in the School of Public Policy at UMd. and a federal economic security intern at Wider Opportunities for Women. They live in Silver Spring.

- **The Main Event:** On July 25, the couple will be married in the chapel of Tsveta's alma mater in New Rochelle, N.Y.

- **How They Met:** In the summer of 2006, Chris was interning with the Senate Finance Committee and Tsveta was interning in the office Sen. Joe Lieberman. They met while waiting for an elevator in the Senate Hart Office Building. "Chris said, 'Hello,'" Tsveta recalls. "Let's just say that he had me right there and then."

- **How He Proposed:** On Dec. 20, 2008,

"I saw a shooting star, and that's when I wished that he would marry me one day."

they visited the National Christmas Tree at the U.S. Capitol. Chris got down on one knee in front of the Grant Memorial.

- **When She Knew:** About six weeks after they started dating, Tsveta visited Chris in Montana, where he was finishing college. After dinner at the Lake McDonald Lodge at Glacier National Park, they lay on blankets, staring at the clear night sky. "I saw a shooting star," says Tsveta, "and that's when I wished that he would marry me one day."

- **Honeymoon:** A cruise from Los Angeles to Mexico.



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